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Religious parties hold key to next Israeli government

Likud, Labour fail to muster majority

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 2, (AP): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's hardline Likud Bloc and its rival left-of-centre Labour Party today started bargaining with four religious parties in a bid to form a coalition government.

Likud had an edge because it was likely to get a first crack at forming a coalition and its right-wing policies were ideologically more compatible with some religious parties.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader, rejected the idea of another national unity government like the one he and Labour leader Shimon Peres formed after the stalemate in the July 1984 elections.

"If Mr Peres put the international conference on top of his list, he turned all the bridges to a national unity government," Shamir said on Israel Radio.

Rejected

Peres, the current Foreign Minister, had said Israel should attend such a conference and be prepared to give up parts of the occupied land to get peace. Shamir rejected both ideas.

The election was seen as a referendum on the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza



Shamir (right) and Peres casting their ballots in Israel's general election. (Reuter wirephoto)

Strip as well as strategy for dealing with the Palestinian uprising.

The results indicated the nation of 4.4 million remained deeply divided on the issues of peace and security and that the election failed to produce the hoped-for consensus.

In the occupied territories, Israeli soldiers clashed with demonstrators in several locations today. One Arab was reportedly killed and two injured in the West Bank.

Complex negotiations over

cabinet posts and religious legislation could drag on for days if not weeks. Some religious party leaders said they were open-minded, and indicated they would demand a heavy price for participation in any government.

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had 39 seats, Labour had 38 and the religious parties a total of 18.

Three of Labour's left-wing allies won 10 seats, three rightist Likud allies seven seats, and three Arab-oriented lists got eight seats.

After the final official vote count is published, the President traditionally calls on the largest party to try and form a government. But the head of state may decide to entrust the task to any party if it has a better chance of creating a ruling coalition.

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Iraq and Iran trade charges

GENEVA, Nov 2, (UPI): Iraq and Iran accused each other at resumed Gulf peace talks today of holding up the immediate humanitarian release and repatriation of all prisoners of war.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has registered 50,162 Iraqi prisoners in Iran and 19,284 Iranians held in Iraq but estimates the true total at some 100,000 with almost a two-to-one advantage for Iran.

Hours later Shamir and Peres

began talks with the religious parties—the National Religious Party which got five seats and three ultra-orthodox factions: Shas (6), Agudat Yisrael (5) and the Torah Flag (2).

Most analysts interpreted the election results as a failure for Labour, which dropped from 44 seats in 1984 to 38 in yesterday's election. Peres, however, said Labour was still a contender, and indicated he would try to split the religious parties.

"I would not say that all religious people are necessarily right-wing," Peres said on Israeli Radio. "We shall hear what they propose and if they all want the same thing."

Labour Party secretary-general Uzi Baram doubted his party could win over the religious parties and suggested Labour field a strong opposition.

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Setback for peace

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Egypt, the only Arab state to have official relations with Israel, said it would work for peace with whatever government emerged.

Deals

"It is natural for Egypt to deal with any new Israeli government," Foreign Minister Ezzat Abdel-Maguid told reporters. "Egypt stresses the need to proceed with the peace process and will exert all possible efforts required in this direction."

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The government spokesman said there had been no approach from the Norwegian embassy in New Delhi over the allegation.

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Conservative

Rival Polish unions unite to fight closure of Lenin shipyard in Gdansk

GDANSK, Poland, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Solidarity joined forces with Poland's official Opzz trade unions today to stop the closure of the Lenin shipyard where the banned union was born in 1980. Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said.

Walesa said thousands of Solidarity supporters and Opzz members rallied at the yard and agreed on joint action to save it from the Dec. 1 shutdown ordered by Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski.

Gathering

Shipyard director Czeslaw Tolwinski meanwhile announced he had refused to carry out the liquidation of Poland's biggest shipyard, saying it was econ-

omically unjustified. Management had a plan to save the yard, he said in a communiqué.

"For the first time we managed to sing in one chorus of management. Opzz and Solidarity," Walesa told reporters after the gathering.

"We will fight together for the cradle of Solidarity because it (the closure decision) was a political provocation aimed at the heart of Solidarity and it will cause tension and conflicts in Poland."

Reporters were unable to attend the rally. But Walesa said 8,000 men were present and it was the biggest there since Solidarity's heyday in 1980 when strikers forced the government to accept the communist world's first independent trade union.

Rakowski announced the closure of the heavily-subsidised, loss-making yard on Monday, saying it was a purely economic move and the first of many closures planned in a long-overdue streamlining of Poland's economy.

Provocation

Walesa says the move is a political provocation aimed at the heart of Solidarity and it will cause tension and conflicts in Poland.

Walesa said there were no immediate plans for protests in Gdansk, where British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is due to meet him for talks on Friday during a three-day visit to Poland.

UN to honour Mickey Mouse with a special award

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Mickey Mouse won't become a UN ambassador after all, but the world body will recognise his six decades in show business with a special award, officials said yesterday.

Either Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar or James Grant, head of the UN children's fund, UNICEF, will present a plaque honouring the celluloid

rodent as "an emissary of goodwill to the world's children" at a ceremony here on Nov. 17, eve of Mickey's 60th birthday.

An official from Walt Disney Productions, suitably clad in a Mickey Mouse suit, will accept the award, officials said.

Michael Eisner, the studio head, planned to fly in from Los Angeles for the event and return

there almost immediately for a birthday party the next day on the Disney studio lot.

There were reports last month that UNICEF proposed to designate the famous mouse as a goodwill ambassador, joining the likes of Liv Ullmann, Audrey Hepburn and Peter Ustinov, but an agency official said this presented image problems.

16 killed in Polish plane crash

WARSAW, Nov. 2. (AP): A Soviet-built plane of the Polish Lot airline crashed in southeastern Poland this morning, and as many as 16 people were reported killed.

The official PAP news agency reported that 16 people had died in the crash, but a police official near the scene said that figure was too high and could confirm only one death.

Five people were reported hospitalized in the area, and 10 were said to have been treated and released. Police Captain Jerzy Pacula said many passengers suffered only minor injuries.

The Antonov 24 plane, on a flight from Warsaw to the southeast city of Rzeszow, crashed near Rzeszow in the village of Bialobrzegi, PAP said. It was carrying 25 passengers and a crew of four, it said and added that rescue action was under way.

Control

The plane went down — apparently due to a mechanical failure — at 10.11 am in an empty field about 270 kilometers (170 miles) southeast of Warsaw, said Pacula, the officer on duty at police headquarters in Rzeszow. He said the pilot was moments from making an emergency landing when he lost control and the aircraft plummeted into the ground.

All the crew members survived, and the slightly injured pilot was aiding rescue operations at the scene, Pacula said. He said workers were planning to cut into the side of the plane to free passengers believed still trapped inside.

Parkinson's disease
FRANKFURT, West Germany, Nov. 2. (AP): A West German researcher has concluded that Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler suffered from Parkinson's disease during the last years of his life, a leading newspaper reported today.

Hitler's health greatly deteriorated toward the end of his life, and there has been previous speculation that he suffered from Parkinson's disease.

Dukakis vows to do everything to free US hostages in Lebanon

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Presidential candidate Michael Dukakis, struggling to overcome rival George Bush's lead, condemned the administration's efforts to free US hostages and vowed to do "everything I can" to win their release.

Despite Dukakis' more aggressive style, public sentiment continues to swing Bush's way. A Washington Post-ABC News survey, published today, showed Bush with a 55 per cent to 42 per cent lead over Dukakis.

The poll reflects a steady increase in Bush's support, although Republicans and Democrats voiced their dissatisfaction with both candidates.

With less than one week remaining until the Nov. 8 election, Dukakis sought to reverse his slide in opinion polls by resurrecting the Iran-Contra scandal and Bush's role in it as vice-president.

Reunite

"As president of the United States I will do everything I can to get those hostages back, to reunite them with their families," Dukakis said in an interview broadcast last night by Cable News Network.

"Those hostages and their

families have gone through agony and the trading of arms to the Ayatollah (Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini) for hostages was a terrible mistake," Dukakis said.

In the scandal, White House operatives sold arms to Iran and diverted the money from the sale to finance US-backed rebels in Nicaragua. The arms sale allegedly was aimed at obtaining the release of US hostages in Lebanon, an accusation President Reagan denies.

Bush insists he did not participate in the decision to sell the arms, but Dukakis charged that the vice-president attended 17 meetings in which the subject was discussed.

In a videotaped message from hostage Terry Anderson released in Beirut on Monday, both Bush and Dukakis were criticised for not raising the hostage situation during their campaign.

The Islamic Jihad holds Anderson, Beirut bureau chief for the Associated Press, and Thomas Sutherland, dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut. They are among a total of 17 Westerners believed held as hostages in Lebanon.

The question of kidnapped

Americans has been an emotional issue in the United States, where voters turned against President Jimmy Carter in 1980 to a large extent because of his handling of the hostage crisis in Iran.

Bush, due to campaign today in Illinois and Michigan, has begun striking a conciliatory tone in the closing days of the presidential race.

"I do want a kinder and gentler nation," he told an audience in Wisconsin tonight. "I do believe that we're all God's children and that his love, while free, has a self-imposed cost — we've got to be good to one another."

The Washington Post-ABC News poll, conducted October 26-31, found an unusually high number of Americans unhappy with the quality of the campaign and the candidates.

According to the survey, more than eight out of 10 voters said Dukakis and Bush devoted more time to attacking each other than they did to discussing important issues facing the nation.

Approximately three out of every five people interviewed for the survey said Bush had waged a "dirty" campaign, while two out of five felt the same way about Dukakis.

India and Norway embroiled in row ...

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been used to make atomic weapons."

Norway's assistant state prosecutor Tor Aksel Busch said yesterday the heavy water, sold to a West German firm Rohstoff-Einfuhr GmbH in December 1983 by Hydro, travelled from Basel, Switzerland, to Bombay on a flight which also carried several tonnes delivered from the Soviet Union.

Forbids

Hydro has manufactured about 450 tonnes of the water since the early 1950s. Dusseldorf-based Rohstoff-Einfuhr, owned by West German businessman Alfred Hempel, imports and distributes materials for scientific research.

International regulations forbid the shipment of more than one tonne of heavy water to India, which has refused to sign a nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty aimed at halting the spread of nuclear weapons.

"We will raise the issue with India to clarify what has happened," Trade Minister Jan Balstad said in a statement. "It is very regrettable that Norwegian heavy water seems to have gone to a country that has not signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty," he added. "This is not a nice affair for Norway."

Minister quits

KAMPALA, Uganda, Nov. 2. (AP): A cabinet minister recently accused of allegedly drawing a pistol during an argument with a woman in a Kampala hotel has resigned. Radio Uganda announced today.

The state-owned radio said President Yoweri Museveni accepted Internal Affairs Minister Kabinda Otafire's resignation, "because the National Resistance Movement government will not tolerate any indiscipline displayed by anybody regardless of his position, such as shown by Otafire."

Otafire was responsible of prisons, police and immigration departments. Radio Uganda did not say if he had been asked to resign.

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GCC backs call for summit on Lebanon

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The GCC communiqué warned that the situation in Lebanon also threatened to lead to "tension in Arab relations."

Iraq has been supporting the Christian government in Beirut, while Syria, which considers Lebanon its sphere of influence, supports the Muslim one.

The communiqué affirmed the GCC's backing for the uprising by the 1.5 million Palestinian inhabitants of the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza Strip, now in its 11th month. It also voiced support for the upcoming session of the Palestine National Council or parliament-in-exile, which is expected to announce unilateral independence in the two occupied areas.

Later asked by reporters if the Gulf states would accord recognition to such a Palestinian state, the Saudi Foreign Minister

Prince Saud Al Faisal replied that the GCC "always backed the Palestinian brethren in their aspirations and will naturally continue along that course."

The conference was called in large part to discuss the role of the GCC in pushing the stalled peace negotiations between Iran and Iraq to end the eight-year Gulf war.

The meeting, the second of its kind since the United Nations-brokered ceasefire went into effect on Aug. 20, coincided with the resumption of peace talks in Geneva.

The statement only reaffirmed GCC support for UN Security Council Resolution 598 as basis for the peace settlement. And it expressed support for the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar for his efforts in the talks.

Saud, who hosted the ministerial conference at the GCC

headquarters, reiterated King Fahd's olive branch approach to Tehran, by saying that the kingdom sought good relations with all Islamic nations.

"Iran has a basic and important role in stability and security of the region and also has a basic role in the building of a prosperous future for this region," Saudi said.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed returned home today from Riyadh after attending the GCC meeting.

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AIDS infection case

ATLANTA, Nov. 2. (Reuter): A jury, in what is believed to be the first judgement of its kind in the United States, has awarded over a million dollars to a man who said he contracted AIDS from a blood-based haemophiliac medicine.

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Algerians vote on political reforms

ALGIERS, Nov 2: (AP): Algerians vote on Thursday in a referendum that is the first step toward a series of reforms promised by President Chadli Benjedid following a week of bloody riots that left 176 people dead by official counts.

About 12 million people are expected to go to the polls and overwhelmingly approve the first measures moving toward greater freedom.

The Justice Ministry announced that 1,500 people arrested during the riots would be released today. An estimated 3,000 people, mostly young men, were detained. The government says 1,500 already have been freed.

In announcing the referendum in a television address on Oct 11, Benjedid said it would further the "democratisation" of this North African country of 25 million. Political observers said it would give Benjedid a mandate to phase out one-party rule.

Since he took over the presidency in 1979, Benjedid has made repeated efforts to weaken the system in which the only legal party, the National Liberation

Front, controls almost every aspect of society including the economy, press, police and judicial system.

The referendum would require Benjedid to name a prime minister who would then be responsible to the National Assembly. The effect of this change would be to free the government, headed by a prime minister, from the domination of the party.

The prime minister would have increased power while the president, who is also secretary-general of the party, could remain above the fray.

Democratic

In late December, the party congress will take the second step in the reform programme, considering "greater democratisation of political action."

Benjedid has not spelled out what will be considered by the party barons in sessions closed to the public.

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Benjedid: reforms

national charter and to the nation's constitution.

Posters reading "together we are building the future" lined avenues in the capital, encouraging people to vote. The Algerian Communist Party, which operates clandestinely, and Islamic fundamentalist leaders urged voters to stay away from the polls.

Unemployment, a scarcity of staples, rising prices and a declining standard of living were among the complaints of Algerians who took to the streets on Oct 4.

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The message was conveyed personally to Sihanouk at a meeting yesterday in Paris with Assistant Secretary of State Gaston Sigur. The meeting covered many-sided efforts to end the 10-year Vietnamese occupation of Kampuchea, said US State Department spokesman Charles Redman.

Sigur reiterated US President Reagan's support for Sihanouk,

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Turkey refutes Amnesty report

ANKARA, Nov 2, (Reuter): Turkey today dismissed an Amnesty International report accusing it of continued torture as a product of opposition influence.

"We have not yet examined the full report but our first impression is that it is a document influenced by the opinions of certain groups which are known to operate against Turkey," Foreign Ministry spokesman Inan Butu said.

"We would like to repeat our earlier position that we do not attach overdu importance to such documents which do not fully reflect the realities in Turkey," Butu said.

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NEW YORK, Nov 2, (AP): Prosecutors and defence lawyers have worked out a bail package for ex-Philippines first lady Imelda Marcos, according to a source close to the case.

Both sides were expected to present the compromise deal to US district judge John Keenan at a hearing in federal court in Manhattan today.

Mrs Marcos pleaded innocent on Monday to charges she and her husband pillaged the Philippine national treasury of \$103 million and funnelled it into the United States to purchase real estate and artworks.

The New York Post reported today that the \$5 million bail set Monday would be paid by tobacco heiress Doris Duke, 75.

US expresses concern about Pakistan's security

Soviets send missiles to Kabul

MOSCOW, Nov 2, (UPI): The Soviet Union announced it is supplying some of its most advanced weapons, including medium-range missiles, to Afghanistan in a bid to counter rebel rocket attacks that the Kabul regime says are being instigated by Pakistan.

In Washington, the US State Department identified the weapons as surface-to-surface Scud missiles capable of reaching Pakistan, and pointedly pledged its continued "full support" for Islamabad.

The Soviet news agency, Tass, said in a dispatch from Kabul the missiles were paraded through the Afghan capital yesterday.

A statement by the Afghan general staff, released in Kabul and carried by Tass, said "extremists, instigated by their Pakistani patrons," have not heeded warnings to stop shelling populated areas in Afghanistan.

"This is why a new kind of weapon, namely long-range missiles with great destructive power, was adopted for service by the Afghan Army to defend the territorial integrity and national sovereignty and repel

foreign aggression."

On Monday, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said Moscow was stepping up arms shipments, including the "most advanced" weapons in the Soviet arsenal, to Kabul to counter increased Pakistani arms supplies to the anti-communist Islamic guerrillas.

Attacks

Attacks by the US-backed mujahideen rebels have escalated since the Soviets began withdrawing troops from Afghanistan under an international agreement that calls for a complete Soviet pullout in February.

It is estimated the rebels control as much as 80 per cent of Afghan territory.

Tass said in a dispatch from Kabul "the powerful long-range weapons supplied to the Afghan Army rolled through the streets accompanied by armoured personnel carriers."

In Washington, State Department spokesman Charles Redman described the missiles as SS-1 Scuds, the "B" version of the Soviet-made Scud used by Iran and Iraq in their "war of the cities" during the Gulf war.

The Scud missiles are officially classified as medium-range weapons, with the standard version capable of hitting targets within 190 miles (300 km).

Redman said the State Department believed it was the first time Scuds have been seen in Afghanistan.

Kabul, an important administrative centre of Nangarhar province, last month, and casualties there topped 130," it said. Najibullah, who is trying to hold on to power against the rebel insurgency, said the new arms are operational tactical weapons and will be used against centres from which the mujahideen launch rocket attacks, Tass reported.

After eight years of trying to keep a communist government in power by fighting mujahideen rebels, the Soviets in April signed the Geneva agreements with Pakistan, Afghanistan and the United States for a nine-month pullout from the war. Mikhail Gorbachev called a "bleeding wound."

In a related development, the spokesman welcomed the scheduled arrival last night of Burhanuddin Rabani, leader of the Islamic society guerrilla group and current head of the main rebel alliance. He announced that the alliance was reviving plans for elections to create its own government after Soviet troops withdraw.

Aquino suspends shipping line

MANILA, Nov 2, (AP): President Corazon Aquino today ordered the country's largest domestic shipping line to suspend operations indefinitely, nine days after one of its ships sailed into a typhoon and sank with an estimated 500 people aboard.

Last December, another of the company's ships collided with an oil tanker and more than 3,000 people were believed to have perished.

Transportation Secretary Reinerio Reyes told reporters the indefinite suspension of Sulpicio Lines Inc. was effective immediately.

"The main reason is we want to prevent loss of lives," Reyes said. "We want to make sure they (ships) are seaworthy and manned by competent crews."

Sulpicio operates 22 passenger and cargo vessels, which account for 20 per cent of domestic sea traffic among the Philippines' 7,200 islands.

Sulpicio's passenger ship, the Dona Marilyn, sank on Oct 24 during typhoon Ruby with about 500 people aboard, and hundreds remain unaccounted for. Warnings that the typhoon would strike the area of the sinking had been issued 24 hours earlier.

Hirohito losing weight, strength

TOKYO, Nov 2, (UPI): Emperor Hirohito is losing weight and strength and doctors are having difficulty finding healthy veins to administer blood transfusions, a palace spokesman said today.

Spokesman Kenji Maeda said there was no major change in the emperor's condition today but the 87-year-old monarch is generally weakening after 45 days in bed and 51 blood transfusions.

Hirohito, the last surviving major leader of World War II, has been given blood transfusions almost daily since he first began bleeding internally on Sept 19 due to suspected abdominal cancer.

Hirohito had a small blood discharge today, and doctors gave him a transfusion of about a pint of blood, Maeda said. His vital signs remained normal, he said.

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Sudanese demonstrate

KHARTOUM, Nov 2, (AP): Riot police dispersed thousands of rioting young people with tear gas and batons today as university students joined demonstrations against high food prices and Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi's government, witnesses said.

In addition to expanding to college students, there were indications today that Muslim fundamentalists had added their cause to the demonstrations.

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Japan: economic, diplomatic giant

"I DON'T think it is correct to say that Japan stands in the shadow of the US," asserts Japanese Ambassador Tsyoshi Kurokawa. "Yes, we maintain close ties with the US — economic and otherwise, but this should not hinder us from maintaining our own foreign policy," he adds.

It has not hindered them at all. Japan's foreign aid package, which amounted to \$25 billion in the last four years, will be doubled. Also, helping the so-called "South" to develop their economy and society.

"The North can only flourish if the South develops, the North cannot develop alone. To ensure world prosperity and stability, the North and the so-called South have to work together," he said.

Japan is embarking on anumber of foreign aid to developing countries.

The key word for Japan, as for many countries in today's shrinking world, is "interdependence". As Japan is a leading "increasing economy", it relies heavily on imported supplies of raw materials, fuel and food.

Foreign trade is the lifeline for Japan and its people, and the volume of trade has been in their favour. And the economic friction between Japan and its trading partners, mainly the US, is mutual knowledge. Aware of the responsibility to maintain the volume, Japan opened its doors for all imports, stressing the urgent need for free trade.

Japan's trade with the Gulf, both down in import and export industrial products. The Gulf countries exported 56.9 per cent of Japan's oil needs in 1987, and



Japanese Ambassador Tsyoshi Kurokawa

57.3 per cent in 1986. Oil exports from here amounted to 55.5 per cent in the first six months this year. Of the total, Kuwait's share in 1986 was valued at KD 1.1 billion (14 per cent of total exports from Kuwait). The value of imports from Japan that year was \$1.4 billion (24 per cent of

total imports).

Through JICA — the Japan International Co-operation Agency — Japan has enhanced technical co-operation with Kuwait, sending 28 telecommunication experts, who brought equipment worth 13 million yen, to sort out the problems in the field. Over 146 trainees from Kuwait received expert guidance in Japan in the same field.

Expansion

Kurokawa is not satisfied with just technical co-operation because "there are possibilities of further expansion."

"We are convinced that by building up the young, (and imparting) knowledge we can help in the construction of a modern state," stressed Kurokawa.

One recent example is the installation of the navigation security system at a total cost of \$1,226,305 in co-operation with Kuwait, which is providing land and will manage it. Work on the project is expected to start shortly.

Kurokawa believes Japan and Kuwait share a strong common destiny: both are proud of their

traditions and jealously guard their cultural heritage. At the same time they are modernising.

"This is an important building block," said Kurokawa. It is one factor, perhaps, that spurs Japan to continue to remain a "good partner" in locking Middle East peace efforts, particularly in the Palestinian issue. Japan has repeatedly — six times to be exact — demanded Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and the West Bank during the uprising (intifada).

On a humanitarian level, Japan has since 1973 contributed a total of \$140 million through UNRWA. This year, they have given \$10 million to aid Palestinian refugees. Recently, the Israeli Elementary and Secondary Boys School, costing \$1 million and funded by Japan, was opened.

"Aking a sympathetic stand, the Palestinians live in poor conditions, we want to help them," said Kurokawa, outlining his country's broader perspective of creating "mutual understanding among peoples of the world."

Understanding

"In order to establish world peace, promoting mutual understanding is of utmost importance. If people know each other, they don't fight against each other," he claims. So, cultural exchanges assume importance, they become a "vital factor".

Kurokawa took up his new post 10 days ago. He modestly admits to "rarely learning" about Kuwait and the Gulf and views his current job as a means to "widen my narrow scope of knowledge" about the region. A career diplomat, he was posted to Dusseldorf before joining his current post.

Institute of Music revives the classics

By Yousaf Razzouq

BAHRAYN: Classical music in Bahrain is usually referred to as traditional or folk music.

Since ancient times this type of music has been associated with seasonal pearl fishing in the island.

Until it was discovered in 1932, traditional music flourished as sailors and pearl fishermen sang of the "pearl of the Gulf" using the theme of their simple life.

But, with modernisation and the decline of fishing industry, traditional music was slowly replaced by popular or modern music. With the rise in the standard of living and with more Bahrainis being influenced by Western music traditional music took a backseat.

Bahrain's growing image as the most cosmopolitan nation in the region led to a dramatic change in people's taste in music. The country's young generation showed the rich musical heritage of Bahrain, preferring instead the popular music of the West.

Revival

However, there has been a gradual revival of classical music in Bahrain in recent times, thanks to an institution that is only two years old: more than any other source to rekindle the love and appreciation of classical music in Bahrain.

The Classic Institute of Music was founded in December 1986 by a Bahraini businessman, Jafar Al Ebrahim, with the aim of preserving Bahrain's traditional music heritage as well as teaching music to aspiring students and musicians.

According to Waheed Al Khan, the institute's young director, the institute does not aspire to be a commercial venture, but a genuine centre of music offering the best facilities.

"We are not here to make money, although we need financial help to survive. Fortunately we have backing from sources appreciative of our work. The government is also being supportive and encouraging in all aspects," said Al Khan.

Commenting on the instruments that are used for classical music in the Arab world, Bahrain, Al Khan said that although it is difficult to pinpoint the country of origin of each instrument, there have been different versions of each instrument in different cultures and nations worldwide. The original versions have been more or less modified to suit particular taste and culture over the centuries.

He said the "oudi" or flute is the most popular and widely used instrument for classical music in the Arab world. The institute performs adaptations of famous works as well as producing its own original works. Operas and "Arabic choir" are performed regularly by the teachers and students under the guidance of Al Khan, a product from the Conservatory of Music in Egypt and an accomplished composer, singer and educator.

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BAHRAYN DIGEST

Dutch trade mission visits

A DUTCH trade mission visited Bahrain from Monday to Wednesday. The 21-member mission represented manufacturers and suppliers of a wide range of Dutch products.

During their visit, members of the mission met government officials, local businessmen and companies interested in buying Dutch products. The mission's visit to Bahrain was organised by The Netherlands Council for Trade Promotion.

In an interview with the "Arab Times", J.W. M. Van Gent, president of the mission, said the purpose of the visit was to increase Dutch exports to the island, to promote trade relations between the Netherlands and Bahrain and to review old business ties here.

"Our main purpose is to increase our exports to Bahrain. In 1987 our exports to Bahrain decreased by \$16 million over the corresponding year. We are here to find ways to narrow the gap in our trade," he said.

According to Al Khan about 95 per cent of the nearly 140 students at the institute are Arabs. **Heritage**

"Although we have students from various nationalities, most of our students are Arabs. This proves that our people are beginning to appreciate our rich musical heritage. About half of our students are under 12. It is interesting to learn that so many young people are taking to classical music in this country."

Before a student is accepted to a course he or she undergoes a tough test. "Our young students in particular are extremely talented. They have done well beyond our expectations. They have all produced quick results and are fast learners," said Al Khan.

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"All CR numbers are not renewed at the same time but spread over. However, it is a time consuming job," said Dr Abdulla Monsour, director of Commerce and Company Affairs.

"Of course, the people can still come to the directorate and renew and pay their fees. New registrations however, will have to be made at the directorate," he said.

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"The whole working of the directorate come under the scrutiny of two studies early this year — one conducted by us and the other by the Bahrain University," he said.

The study recommendations, which cover three broad areas — administration, equipment and staff — have been accepted in principle.

"The ideal situation we are working to achieve is to computerise and automate the procedures to speed up service, ease bottlenecks, and provide effective and efficient services," said Dr Monsour.

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Kuwait farmers asked to help fight locusts

NO efforts will be spared to eradicate the locust menace in Wafra. Abdali, Shargaya, Sulaiyah, Khawasat and Fintas and many other areas threatened by the pests, according to Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources.

The authority has appealed to Kuwaiti farmers to co-operate by using their insecticide sprayers to help fight the locusts. The authority has expressed its thanks to the farmers who reported sightings of locusts in different areas of the country.

The authority also reminded citizens to wash vegetables and fruits to prevent being affected by pesticides.

in a related development, the

Qatari Ministry of Industry and Agriculture will begin a comprehensive campaign to combat locusts in several areas of the country, according to an official source at the ministry.

Headed that the ministry has formed six teams to fight the locusts.

Alert

An official source at the Bahraini Ministry of Agriculture had received several reports of sightings of locusts in different areas in the country. Locust fighting teams were put on alert.

The Bahraini Ministry of Agriculture was following up the movements of the locusts in the region through the UN Develop-

ment Programme in Jeddah.

Over 1,000 locusts swarmed across the nonarable coast of Bahrain late Tuesday, flying in from the north where they have invaded Iraq and Kuwait, said Hassan Abdul Karim, director of farmer services of the Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture.

He stressed that the attack was not serious.

"So far it's all under control... nothing serious," he said, adding: "We are prepared for it."

Sighted

In Doha, the Qatar News Agency said small batches of the crop-devouring insects were sighted in the northern and eastern parts of the peninsular state and were being combated.

Concerned officials on the

Gulf coasts of the Arabian peninsula had immediately gone on the alert as soon as the swarms hit the western coast of Saudi Arabia over two weeks ago. Insecticides and instructions on how to use them or avoid their poison have been distributed to farmers. Iran reported locust swarms along its Gulf coast Tuesday.

The locust invasion which

blew across the Red Sea from

Sudan and Ethiopia into

Saudi Arabia

has been described as the

worst in a quarter of a century. But Saudi officials have also stressed the situation is under control as a counter-measure operation checked the swarms against penetrating beyond the coastline.

Arab Times

EVENTS

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT-THURS: 8:30 am to 12 noon and 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Qur'anic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts—rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

CINEMA

Animation in Japan
Japanese Animation Film Festival: Kuwait Hilton, Terrace Room.

NOV 4: 4 pm. "Space Firebird," duration 120 minutes; Nov 7, the same film will be shown at 6 pm.

NOV 5-6: 4 pm Barefoot Gen, Part 1; 6 pm — Barefoot Gen Part 2. Duration 115 minutes.

MUSIC

Bob Marley Night
NOV 4: SAS Tent, 7:30 to 9:30 pm; Steve Michael and The Electric Rendezvous will be seeking to recreate the spirit of Jamaica, with a tribute to Bob Marley, the king of reggae. Tel: SAS, ext 413.

Piano and Violin Recital
NOV 3: Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from the Hilton Lobby.

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Starring: Noor Al Sharif, Laila Alwi, Yahya Shahin

Drive-In
Iqbal Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Ohaid, Sabireen, Hisham Salim, Salah Qahil

Al Firdous
Dayavan (Hindi)
Starring: Vinod Khanna, Feroz Khan, Madhuri Dixit

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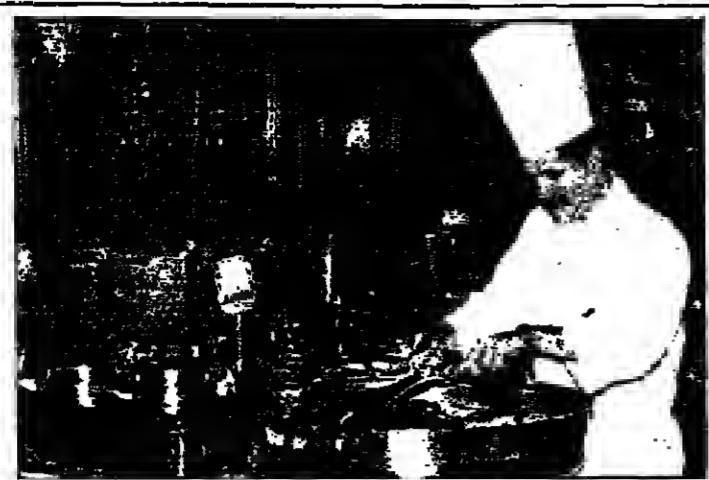
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Family Fun on Fridays at the Meridien: Oriental cuisine, music and cartoon films for children.

SOCIAL

Harvest Festival
NOV 3: 1-5 pm. The National Evangelical Church, English Language Congregation, will hold the third annual Harvest Festival. Food, fun, handicrafts and other attractions. All are welcome.

Kuwait Kameeda Koota

NOV 4: 5 pm. Sharq Cooperative Society Hall. Kameeda Koota presents a variety show for the Nehru Centenary Year and Karnataka Rajyotsava. Tel: 572174-24; 3610835.

Canadian Women's League
NOV 5: The Canadian Women's League in Kuwait will hold a meeting-cum-get together from 4 to 6 pm. For details call 3718678.

German-Speaking Cultural Association

NOV 6: Kuwait Hilton, Old Faikha Room 10 am. Interesting news will be shared with ladies at the regular monthly meeting. Coffee morning on Sunday. All German-speaking ladies are requested to attend.

Japan Week
NOV 4: Green Island Beach, Waterfront Project — 2:30 pm. Kite flying — 3 pm — opening ceremony with drummers: 5 pm — Japanese folk dance.

NOV 4-8: High-Tech Show at the Hilton; eye-catching new electronic goods.

NOV 6/7: Hilton Hotel. Japanese cultural show featuring traditional "fast foods", magic show, candy-making, traditional games and folk dancing.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

CONFORMITY is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth — John F. Kennedy, US President (1917-1963).

OPINION

A new Algerian revolution

THE recent measures taken by the Algerian President are considered to be another revolution for which the Algerian people paid the price before such measures were executed.

This is indeed the nature of things. People pay a price to get returns.

The Algerian President, who declared his unwillingness to accept the post, is certainly one member of the Algerian people and perhaps one of its revolutionaries who opposed the stubbornness of the government staff, the security forces and some senior officials in the government administration.

President Benjedid could be one of those who disproved of the behaviour of the Algerian security forces during the recent protests. Perhaps he did not like the state laws, and could not understand the secret behind the country's closed door policy.

Thus, the decisions and measures taken by the Algerian President recently just reflect the demands of the Algerian people.

The decisions could have been more effective if they had been made earlier. But, "better late than never."

The measures came from a truly neutral party — the Algerian President, who promised that he would act decisively in affairs of national security.

Algeria now needs new blood in many government posts. This will make the required opening to the Arab world possible.

King Hassan of Morocco succeeded in attracting the Arab world, its governments and people. He turned his country into an Arab and foreign workshop. The Moroccan King also succeeded in marketing Morocco's resources and opportunities.

What Algeria needs now is for its officials to be humble in dealing with its issues. They should understand that speeches do not deliver the goods. This was realised by the Algerian President and the media was allowed to condemn the previous state of affairs. The press was even granted enough freedom to criticise the tough government measures.

Through this act, the President met the demands of the people of Algeria and also answered the feelings of other people who loved this country and its long struggle for independence.

The latest measures of the Algerian President are measures that certainly deserve respect. Algeria simply requires another dynamic and popular move to fully use its resources.

This is especially true among the strong international alliances and blocks prevalent in the world.

In 1992, when the EEC members declare unified customs, economic unity and freedom of transfer among its countries, the Arab Maghreb states will find themselves in a difficult situation unless they manage to unite themselves.

Thanks go to the Algerian President for this latest moves and measures.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Reagan's policy will guide his successor

By Gene Gibbons

WASHINGTON, (Reuters) — Visiting a Pennsylvania high school a few weeks ago, a beaming Ronald Reagan accepted a "presidential report card" from admiring students which gave him an A-Plus for his record as US leader.

While some say Reagan's grade was a bit inflated, political experts agree his actions in eight years of remarkable, sometimes turbulent, presidency will guide and limit his successor, whether Democrat Michael Dukakis or Republican George Bush.

While the two differ on tactics, both are committed to the broad foreign policy objectives of the so-called Reagan era, including a strong NATO alliance and constructive relations with the Soviet Union.

Deficits

On the domestic front, Reagan's fiscal policy, with the yawning US trade and budget deficits, has left little spare cash for bold initiatives on housing, education and day care.

Political analysts and administration insiders, however, predict a marked difference in leadership style between the easy-going, 47-year-old Reagan and either of his less-charismatic potential successors.

"I think Bush would be a better manager of staff and policy. I think he would take a conservative track but compromise with Congress more," said a White House official who asked not be identified.

Another Reagan aide said Dukakis impressed him as someone who would be involved in the "minutiae of policy."

"The President is a heavy delegator of authority. The Vice-President (Bush) also delegates, although not as much. But a president can only get into so much and be successful because

Improve bus service

SIR: As one who has travelled widely and enjoyed different systems of transport, I would like to present some suggestions to improve Kuwait's transport system.

It is important that shelters be placed at all bus stands to protect people from the intense heat and dust storms. All buses must have air-conditioners and passengers should not be charged any extra amount for this facility.

Buses should ply much more often. During the peak working hours it would be ideal to have buses plying every five or six minutes. Off peak hours should not have a waiting time of more than fifteen minutes, except

during the very late night hours.

Bus drivers should not open doors when the bus is in motion. They should bring it to a total stop first and then open the doors for the passengers. Drivers should also be aware of the last passenger entering the bus. Only when the passenger has completely entered the bus should the driver then close the doors and start moving.

Maps depicting various bus routes should be available on buses and tourist information centres.

Smokers on buses should be heavily fined.

Considering the customs of

use of school transport system nor do the parents of these pupils provide them with transport or if at all money is given to them to make use of public transport, they prefer to use the money for some other purpose.

I am sure Kuwait will benefit from an improved bus system.

Pierre Rousseau, Kuwait

Students obstruct flow of traffic

SIR: I want to bring to the notice of the traffic department and the highway patrol police that many students of Arabic schools stop vehicles on busy roads thus obstructing the smooth flow of traffic.

These students do not make

use of school transport system

nor do the parents of these

pupils provide them with trans-

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A concerned motorist, (Name and address supplied)

Extend time

SIR: The last bus on route No. 205, leaves Fahsheel for Mina Al Zour at 8.15 pm daily. It will be very convenient for us if this service is extended upto 9.30 pm.

P.H. Ghanasena, Mina Abdulla.

Humble singer

SIR: The report in the Arab Times (Oct 9) Susan steals the show was well written.

Everyone present at the Indian Arts Circle to watch "East Meets West," will agree that Susan is a talented singer.

If a person can humbly touch and kiss the feet of her father and mother in front of a thousand people, then surely she must be admired. I have met famous singers and artistes from the USA, England, India and Kuwait, but what I saw at the IAC still rings bells in our ears.

Dr M.A. Shalh and family, Kuwait.



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A worker puts finishing touches on a bust of Ataturk, founder of modern Turkey. (Reuter wirephoto)

By John Owen-Davies

LIMA, Peru. (AP): President Alan Garcia was seen by some as Latin America's brightest political star when he took office three years ago. One of the first things he did was to defy the international banking community by suspending most payments on his country's foreign debt.

Today Peru is mired in its worst economic crisis of the century. Garcia's reputation is in tatters and there is talk of the country's fragile democracy becoming increasingly vulnerable to a military coup.

Since Garcia imposed the burliest austerity programme in Peru's history in early September, some critics have gone so far as to demand his resignation, and he reportedly has considered stepping down. Many public figures also are warning of the growing danger of a military takeover.

Rating

"You know, just as other officials of your government do, that a coup d'etat is inevitable if the political and economic climate of today continues to devastate the country," Cesar Hilderbrand, editor of the independent news magazine *St. written in an open letter to Garcia* recently.

Garcia's approval rating among Peru's 21 million people has plunged from an incredible

96 per cent his first months in office to 16 per cent in late October, according to the respected polling firm Apoyo.

Foreign journalists drawn to this troubled Andean nation after Garcia took office in July 1985 described him as "The Kennedy of Latin America" for his youthful good looks and his vigorous in tackling Peru's centuries-old problems of poverty and underdevelopment.

Garcia, 39, leader of the populist Aprista Party, was called "the president of hope" by impoverished mountain peasants and Lima's shantytown dwellers.

Incompetent

"I voted for Garcia, but he's a disgrace," Humberto Delgado, a retired airport employee, said as he steered his 30-year-old taxi through Lima's decaying streets. "I saw him as a young man, a renegade who could put Peru back together again. But instead he has based the country."

Critics accused Garcia of implementing impetuous, irresponsible policies that have brought economic ruin on the nation, and of failing to curtail the fanatical Shining Path Movement, whose eight-year guerrilla war has claimed more than 12,000 lives.

The harsh austerity measures,

Renowned novelist Mario Vargas Llosa, expected to be the centrist candidate of a centre-right coalition in the 1990 election, recently described him as "the charismatic young man responsible for Peru's most incompetent and ruinous government of the century."

What has Peruvians most upset is the country's unprecedented runaway inflation, provoked, economists agree, by the government's uncontrolled spending, which has spawned a huge fiscal deficit.

Consumer prices soared by 114 per cent in September, as much in one month as of all last year. Inflation is expected to exceed 1,000 per cent by year end.

Having eaten up the country's hard currency reserves to finance a consumer-fuelled economic recovery programme and having cut itself off from fresh foreign loans, the government is close to bankruptcy. It has had to resort to selling the central bank's gold bullion to pay import bills, but now that is gone.

Austerity

Finance Minister Abel Salinas said recently the economy would shrink by at least 6 per cent this year after growing 8.5 per cent in 1986 and 7 per cent in 1987.

The harsh austerity measures,

which included increases in food prices of more than 200 per cent and a devaluation of nearly 90 per cent, brought economic activity to a halt.

Only four new cars were sold in the "colonia" in September because of tax increases that doubled car prices, with the least expensive Volkswagon model now costing \$26,000.

Resignation

Long past are days of the "balconazos," when Garcia would come out onto a small balcony on the side of the government palace in downtown Lima and engage passers-by in lively exchanges about his plans to redistribute the wealth among the poor.

Today the Plaza in front of the palace is frequently sealed off by tanks and troops to keep out demonstrators by striking workers.

From early September until mid-October, Garcia did not leave the inner confines of the palace for 34 straight days, except on one occasion to watch the changing of the guards from the front entrance. That single, fleeting appearance was interpreted by commentators as a gesture to dispel rumours he was no longer in charge of the government.

Overthrow

"Even the least informed citizen knows, or senses, that there cannot be a power vacuum in politics. We also know that in Peru power vacuums are always filled by the military," Manuel D'Ornelas, editor of the opposition newspaper *Expreso*, said in a recent interview.

A senior government official told the Associated Press that the Military High Command did, in fact, consider overthrowing Garcia during his self-imposed confinement to the inner chambers of the palace.

"They're as terrified of the future as anyone else," an independent congressman said, speaking on condition he not be named. "If they eventually come back, it will be by default and not because they have a coherent plan."

Garcia was reported to have tried to present his resignation to his cabinet before the unpopular austerity package was imposed and to have offered the job to Luis Alberto Sanchez, his 88-year-old, blind, vice-president.

Sanchez said later that he told Garcia, "I was elected vice-president to collaborate with you, not to take your place."

Critics openly admit that Garcia might try to spark a military overthrow that would make him a martyr and pave the way for his triumphant return to power when democracy was restored and the economy stabilised.

Garcia is prohibited by the constitution from seeking re-election until five years after his term is finished.

Political analysts say Garcia's recent behaviour has given the impression of a dangerous "power vacuum" that feeds fear of a military takeover.

Disrupt

Discounting coup rumours, Garcia insisted the Military High Command "will not become the instrument of bastard interests that often want to disrupt the constitutional order," nor will it become the tool of the International Monetary Fund.

Having suffered in the past under long spells of military rule, Peru's political leaders have been outspoken in demanding that the armed forces not be provoked into seizing power again.

"Nothing would be more tragic for Peru than a military coup. Peru's isolation from the international community would be aggravated even further," Vargas Llosa said.

Many Peruvians feel the armed forces are not enthusiastic about the prospect of taking on the challenge of governing a country that appears increasingly ungovernable.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1534 — England's Parliament confirms King Henry VIII in all judicial and political powers formerly exercised by the pope in England.

1591 — Sir Brian O'Rourke is executed for treason in Ireland.

1762 — Peace preliminaries of Fontainebleau are signed between France, Spain and Britain.

1839 — Flareup of opium war when British frigate sinks Chinese fleet of junks.

1856 — British fleet bombs Canton.

1935 — Greek plebiscite recalls exiled King George II to throne.

1946 — Power in Japan is transferred from the emperor to elected assembly.

1950 — French forces withdraw from frontier of north Indo-China.

1955 — Iran joins Iraq-Turkey pact.

1956 — Britain and France agree to accept Middle East ceasefire in Suez War if United Nations force keeps peace.

1968 — Storms, landslides and floods take more than 100 lives and cause heavy damage in northern Italy.

1970 — Salvador Allende, Marxist, becomes president of Chile.

1973 — UN emergency force reports success in easing tension between Egyptian and Israeli troops at positions west of Suez Canal.

1986 — UN General Assembly passes resolution calling on United States to comply with World Court ruling for US to end support for Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

1987 — Indian paratroopers overrun Tamil rebel stronghold in Karaiyil island in northern Sri Lanka, killing at least 25 insurgents.



Benazir Bhutto

child in September, has been in delicate health since the birth and the start of her campaign was delayed a week.

She finally took to the hustings this week with a whistle-stop train tour of Punjab and Sindh provinces.

This is not a campaign of issues. Both main rivals promise to make development, education and reducing the annual 3.1 per cent population growth of this poor, Muslim nation priorities.

CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the
Arab Times

Film disputes taking a toll of time, energy, money and quality

Directors and producers — at loggerheads

IT may be director vs producer, or producer against star or distributor, horn-locked with producer or financier breathing down the necks of film-makers. The fact is that the film industry is entangled in several disputes which are taking a precious toll of time, energy, money and of course quality.

The main fights are between producers and directors. The biggest case is that of *Joshilay* a big-budget multi-star film, in the making for five years. This spectacular fight between producer Sible Hasan Rizvi and director Shekhar Kapoor remains constantly in the lime-light. What is not understood easily is the bone of contention and why resources were frittered away and precious star dates wasted for some trivial reasons.

The film's set-up makes it evident that *Joshilay* was aimed at some kind of a duplicate or second-hand *Sholay* without the script or direction being given the grip and imagination which an action film on this scale demands.

After a lot of agony, Shekhar Kapoor was at last removed from the scene and he also thought it was best to move out. Rizvi himself decided to direct and complete the film, which has finally been sold and is now ready for release.

One wonders the reason behind a fresh bout of fights, probably so that both can gain publicity, together with script writer Javed who was the go-between from the start.

Javed and Shekhar have been common friends because of Shabana Azmi. They both claim that there has been no wastage on *Joshilay* and Rizvi had agreed at the outset on a budget of five crores. But the producer hotly denies this as he would not be able to recover such a price, with a cast like Sunny, Anil Kapoor, Sridevi

and Meenakshi. (Amitabh could have made it different). Even now, Rizvi has sold it to the six zones at about Rs 40 lakhs each and says he is in the red by one crore, which he hopes to get from overflow and other rights.

Maintains

Rizvi maintains that Shekhar does not know much about direction and is a wavering man who wastes a lot of time during production. Javed also let him down by not completing the script for nearly two years. Thus after picturising a song on Sridevi, all the other star dates given for six months had to be cancelled. Even when parts of the script arrived, there was no dialogue. Javed would send it just one day before shooting.

The biggest fiasco took place in Ladakh where the non-shooting proved a free holiday for the unit and a financial disaster for the producer. Shekhar's two friends had taken over the production managing but the unit was put up in tents which blew off on the very first day, due to sand-storms.

Rizvi claims that he was forced to vastly over-spend, while Shekhar, Javed, wives and friends enjoyed the trip. The director manipulated it in such a way that the technicians would go on mock strikes saying they were not paid. So where did the money go, asks the producer. It was the director's job to motivate the team and get work done. Shekhar asserts that he was dedicated and somehow trying to hold the unit together. But some unit members later admitted that they had yielded to the politics being played by the director and his assistants.

Rizvi gives detailed examples of Shekhar's inadequacies. The director he says, was unclear about which shots he was to take, which artistes were needed when and where, or



Shekhar Kapoor: is he a fake?

what items were required for the next day's shooting. Sridevi's dates were constantly upset (luckily she was not that busy then). Meenakshi made three trips to Ladakh and Sunny was held up there for several weeks.

They would even forget to take important close-ups of stars after keeping them so long. While shooting, Shekhar would do several re-takes even of okayed shots.

The whole mass of celluloid landed up in the editing room and the lady editor Aruna Raje remarked that it had been shot like home video stuff. Rizvi took two years to clear it and do the additional shooting. A classic example is of a cock-fight which was shot so badly that it

took ten days to edit.

Anyway, the real cock-fight between the producer and the director has now ended. And the industry people will not entrust Shekhar with a big film any more. Even though Mr India was a hit, Boney Kapoor gave *Rook Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja* to Shekhar's assistant Satish Kaushik, while asking Shekhar to do only the small budget *Prem* on the lines of his first film *Masoom*.

A similar "war" took place over *Jung* between producers Samir-Hanif and director Mukul Anand. There were threats and counter threats. The producers charged that Mukul had signed so many films after the big success of *Issaq* including Bachchan

starrings, that he was not giving dates or enough time or even allowing his assistants shoot for *Jung*, which has stars like

Sunil Dutt, Mithun, Mandakini, Aditya and Amala.

The director in turn accused them of doubting his ability and interfering, though he had devoted full days to make two reels in four months. Anyway, they parted amicably, with Mukul still arguing that he wanted to make hay while the sun shines. Perhaps Raj Sippy would take over the film.

Producer B.S. Grover of Godsons who made a silly film on dowry has also removed the veteran director B.R. Ishara from *Baat Hai Pyar Ki*. The two could not get along and it is likely that Grover himself may fill the blank title left by Ishara. Another case is of Kanwal Sharma the director and Santosh Kumar the producer of *Zimmedar*. Since Kanwal has got three to four films, he was not concentrating and the producer accused him of being irresponsible. So Kanwal gave up the responsibility.

Padmini Kapila as producer has been making *Mohabbat Ka Paigham*, earlier titled as *Ibadat*, with Meenakshi, Babbar, Aditya and Shammi Kapoor. After completing 13 reels, she has decided to remove director Shashikar Nair as she found his work unsatisfactory.

Raj Babbar (right) and Meenakshi in *Mohabbat Ka Paigham*, a film which is the subject of dispute.

(or was it due to his flops like *Falak*?). The other more famous lady Hema Malini did the same for her TV serial on dances of India. First it was

Vikas Desai, then Sridhar Kshirsagar and Hema herself may direct according to her own ideas, provided the TV centre approves.

Behind the screen

After Shammi Kapoor, producers are tagging the title of "rebel star" to Kumar Gaurav of all people. At least he is a rebel with a cause. He wants to look and act tough to wash away his soft chocolate heroimage. But then he is playing second fiddle to other heroes like Shatrughan, Mithun and Amitabh. So how much can he rebel? Only in *Goongi* he plays a political rebel, and is the sole hero. But then it is a small film and mainly romantic.

After the success of TV serial *Buniyaad*, Anita Kanwar was offered elderly roles like that of Lajjaji. But she kept refusing saying that she was young. Now she has ended up dangling between art and pseudo art films, like Amit Khanna's *Sesha* and Mrinal Sen's *Ek Din Achank* and silly commercial film like *Dahej Ke Seene Pe Bandook*. In *Salsam Bombay* (the children steal the show from Anita).

Dahej Ke Seene Pe ... was originally called *Hum Dahej Layee Hain* and had its title changed by the censors, who felt that it would be more fitting

for the dacoit girls in the film to aim their guns at the dowry system. But the actual fact is that in the film itself they use their guns on people. Another film *Zinda Jais Doonga* was changed to *Zalmi Kn Jais Doonga* but actually showed villains being burnt alive. Now the censors are happy that it is sin being burnt, though the film shows otherwise. Meanwhile, an under production movie has changed its name from *Yeh Surang* to *Khooni Surang*.

Neeju, a regional star of Rajasthan films has become so popular through some hits that she has been labelled as the Sridevi of Rajasthan. They had better call her Dimple now, since Sridevi is fast losing her position with four massive flops.

Shashi Kapoor is unlucky with his children. Two sons Kunal and Karan could not make a career in films. And daughter Sanjana after a commercial film like *Hero Hiralal* wants to stay in England for a long course in dramatics. It may be a wise decision on her part, keeping away from the



Anita Kanwar: neither here nor there

bad bad "Bollywood" but poor Shashi will now be left alone.

Why blame the heroes and heroines for grabbing films? Even villain Kiran Kumar has signed seventy films which are progressing. He will be even more hard to get than the heroes and heroines in the film.



Poor Kumar Gaurav wants to be known as a "rebel" but heroines like Amala think he's the cuddly sort.

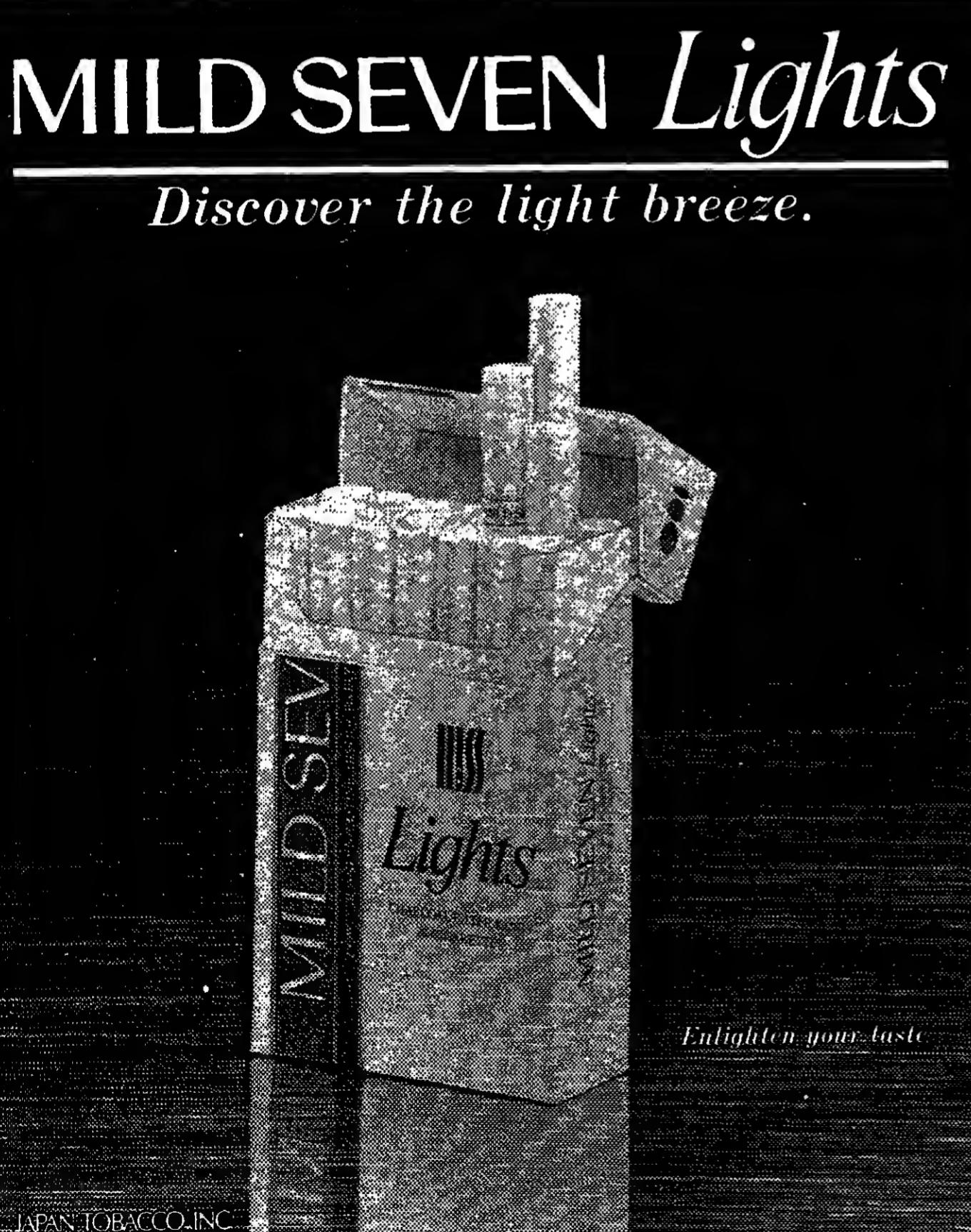


Popular villain Kiran Kumar: working in 70 films

ANDY CAPP



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TO THE STATE OF THESE NOTES
THEY'VE CERTAINLY BEEN AROUND...
THERE MUST BE A VERY INTERESTING HISTORY AND I WOULD TALK TO THEM, IF ONLY IT COULD BE TOLD
MY PART IN THEIR HISTORY WOULD BE PRETTY BRIEF. THERE IS, THERE IT GOES!



Government Warning: Smoking is a major cause of cancer and diseases of the lungs, heart and arteries.

Getting curried away!

THERE are two kinds of books on Indian cookery: those you cook from and those you look at. The first deals with recipes; the second dwells on cuisine.

You can tell the first kind at a glance -- you have to since it's the sort of book to which you wouldn't give a second look.

The paper is as unglazed as an unfinished fruit flan, the layout is as unimaginative as a boarding school menu, and the whole approach is as unfrilled as a cook's petticoat. But it lives up to a promise it does not make: the recipes are usually dependable.

The latter type of cookbook is an entirely different frying pan of fish. It is such a work of art that it would be sacrilege to expose it to the grease splatterings of the kitchen.

Indeed it was never meant to be taken there. Its place is in the soft, expensive glow of the drawing room, among the scatter of tracelouges and art catalogues.

If cookery books have joined these two staples of coffee-table literature, it is only natural.

The gastronomical tour is now a legitimate segment of the upmarket holiday, and correctly photographed, the perfect rump steak could be made to appear as much a work of art as a Botticelli Venus -- and as delectable.

Humblest

Here even the simplest spice of the humblest hovel acquires an appeal so exotic that the original would be hard put to recognise itself should it chance upon its soft-fried reincarnation on these pages.

It might bring tears of joy to a chilli, invite a tart comment from the tamarind, and make the snooty parsley witt in envy at such an elevation in the status of the peasant coriander.

But you can hardly laid out criticism against these books for this. If Leonardo da Vinci could have so romanticised his washerwoman, why should these books not do the same for a lamb vindaloo? All art is but the perception of the bumbum through new eyes, so why should the culinary one be an exception?

All writers on Indian coffee-table cuisine have grandmothers from whom they have drawn inspiration. And if 'Dadiji' too would not be able to recognise what is allegedly her legacy, then it is to the greater credit of the writer for so imaginatively having recycled the hand-me-down... scoff not at it, for today these recipe books have been the saviours of publishing empires...

In India, the gravy train to cuisine literature chugs on and anyone it seems can get a ticket to ride. B.J. Karkaria takes a swipe at the coffee table Indian cookbook, whose place the author says, is in the soft, expensive glow of the drawing room rather than the grease-spattered kitchen.



this earth that moth, rust and death duties can consume.

Yets, as ethnic chic finds its niche, as the trendy scatter to the ends of the earth in search of the rough spun and the tough worn, the trade in local fare has picked up like a bullish share.

And don't worry about the ching shop: there's enough in earthenware casseroles, and ceramic bowls to keep the busyness going even further.

If the most uppity names in publishing are wooling cooks or those who know how to write about cooking -- and the two are seldom interchangeable -- it is because they have realised that the art cook book caters for not just one but two of the most enduring appeals: to the

cover-deep.

Take a look at their table of contents. In the former, this is as no-nonsense as the outside and the rest of the inside, a straight-from-the-chopping-board division into: vegetables, meat, fish, rice and breads, sweets, pickles and chutneys. The ultimate in extravagance would be the addition of a glossary.

The 'look-at' cookbook may follow these broad outlines but the chapter headings are smothered in a rich semantic sauce, 'The Norib Where Lamb is King' or 'Spicing Up The Variety of Life' or 'The Silver Harvest From The Sea' or 'Daal, The Pulse of a Cuisine'.

Indeed if all Indian recipes can name their price today, the supposedly royal ones command a king's ransom. If former palaces have been converted into deluxe hotels, it was only to be expected that former princes and princesses would turn to writing cookery columns and then books.

And they, more than anyone else are entitled to embellish them with the extravaganzas of all-style and silverleaf, all-almonds and almonds.

To their elite corps have been added the satraps of showbiz. After Madhur Jaffrey has come Ismail Merchant providing India's far more romantic answer to Paul Newman's Industrial Strength Salad Dressing.

Thus the gravy train to cuisine literature chugs on. And anyone can get a ticket to ride. All you need is the master formula. Take one nice plump grandmother, marinate her in the juices of her own recipes. Grill slowly to extract all the hidden subtleties. Add liberal lashings of rituals, festivals and other exotica. Turn up the heat of the photographer's spotlights and, when nearly done, reduce to soft focus. Garnish with equal proportions of authenticity and audacity. Goes well with a mature, fruity publisher at room temperature. Serves millions.

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The pages of the 'cook-from' type come straight to the point of recipes, divided into ingredients and method.

Cornucopia

In India itself, the bigger market is naturally for the straightforward 'cook-from' kind of recipe book. The cuisine art 'look-at' type is largely to curry favour with the West. When an Indian does it, it is mainly for the kick he gets out of the international recognition of his daily *daal* and *dopiaza*.

To satisfy the different palates of their different consumers, the differences in these two types of books is more than

eye and the palate.

You can flip languidly through the pages and feast optically on the opulent spread before you.

In India itself, the bigger market is naturally for the straightforward 'cook-from' kind of recipe book. The cuisine art 'look-at' type is largely to curry favour with the West. When an Indian does it, it is mainly for the kick he gets out of the international recognition of his daily *daal* and *dopiaza*.

To satisfy the different palates of their different consumers, the differences in these two types of books is more than

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Business & Finance

Aquino seeks debt relief from foreign creditors

MANILA, Nov 2. (AP): President Corazon Aquino appealed yesterday for new loans in advance of a scheduled visit by an International Monetary Fund panel to determine whether the country should qualify for additional money.

Mrs Aquino said in a statement that her government had taken steps to comply with IMF recommendations on economic reform and desperately needs new loans to finance land reform, health and education.

"I hope they will take this consideration in our favour and give us the necessary support so that our country will be able to use our funds for the priority needs," she told reporters.

The IMF panel is expected Wednesday to listen to government arguments in favour of additional loans. The Philippines owes about \$28.5 billion to foreign banks.

Money

Earlier this month, Central Bank Governor Jose Fernandez and Finance Secretary Vicente Jayme met in New York with representatives of creditor banks to discuss Philippine requests for new money.

But the two groups were divided over the size of the Philippine financing gap. Banking sources said the creditors believed the Aquino government had overestimated the amount of money it needed to finance the 1989-90 development plan.

Fernandez estimated the financing shortfall at \$3.1 billion, and banking sources said he asked for about \$2 billion in loans.

Philippine officials have also complained that the burden of servicing the debt has diverted funds from development projects necessary to restore political stability in this fractious nation.

Foreign capital investment on the rise

SEOUL, Nov 2. (AP): Attracted by a booming economy, foreign capital investment in equity projects in South Korea rose to total \$1,099 billion for the January-September period, up by 41.6 per cent over the same period last year, the Finance Ministry reported today.

The nine-month tally on an approval basis involved 251 projects.

Ministry officials said total foreign investment included \$561 million for 202 manufacturing projects, down 13.1 per cent in dollar terms from the same nine-month period last year. No official explanation was given for the decrease.

Projects

They said \$526 million of overall foreign investment went into 45 service projects such as hotels and financing businesses, up 298 per cent in dollar terms. Hotels topped the list with \$413 million, reflecting a growth in tourism partly linked to the Summer Olympics Games in September.

The remaining \$12 million was invested in four agricultural projects.

Direct foreign investment in this country since 1982 stands at a total of \$4.82 billion after deducting withdrawals, finance officials said.

Iran's non-oil exports drop

NICOSIA, Nov 2. (Reuter): Iran's exports of non-oil goods fell by a quarter to \$399 million dollars in the first half of the Iranian year beginning on March 21 compared with the same period in 1987, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted a customs report as saying the main export items were hand-woven carpets, pistachio nuts, animal hides and intestines, caviar, construction materials, textiles, fish and fresh and dried fruits.

Exports slowed down when the rial strengthened, making them more expensive, after Iran's announcement on July 18 that it was ready to accept a ceasefire in the war with Iraq.

The open market rate for the dollar dropped to below 600 rials from a peak of 1,500 in June but has now climbed back to 1,000 rials. The official rate fluctuates around 70 rials to a dollar.

Non-oil exports rose sharply two years ago when the government introduced new export incentives because plummeting oil prices had cut its main source of hard currency.

The measures, still in force, allowed businessmen to sell up to 100 per cent of their export earnings at the open market according to the items sold.

Venezuela considers plan to raise up to \$1b in new loans

Subroto reaffirms \$18 target oil price

OSLO, Nov 2. (Reuter): OPEC Secretary-General Subroto said today that the organisation would keep aiming at an oil price of \$18 a barrel, despite a slump in crude prices blamed chiefly on Gulf war for Iran.

Iran, historically a bigger producer, has rejected that as unfair.

A meeting last month of OPEC's pricing and long-term strategy committee sought to devise a new basis for fixing output quotas on which all 13 OPEC states could agree.

But it failed to bring Iraq back into the fold, something which may now be left until a key ministerial meeting which starts in Vienna on Nov 21.

Asked whether the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) might consider dropping the price level of \$18 a barrel that it had pledged to defend, Subroto said:

"\$18 is still the target we are shooting at."

Oil prices are currently just above \$12 a barrel.

Assessment

He also gave an upbeat assessment of efforts to resolve disagreement on production quotas between Iran and Iraq — perhaps the major stumbling block to any new OPEC pact.

"Efforts are being made on the diplomatic level ... a very active diplomatic effort to solve this," Subroto said. He gave no further

details.

Iraq at present refuses any quota, saying that it should be allowed equality of production with Gulf war for Iran.

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total OPEC production is well above 20 million BPD.

Subroto said he had come to Norway, Western Europe's biggest oil producer after Britain, to try to persuade Oslo to continue production curbs in support of OPEC overproduction.

Growth

Norwegian Oil Minister Arne Oeien last month threatened to drop a 7.5 per cent cut in planned production growth, introduced in February 1987, unless OPEC restored internal discipline.

"I have come ... to renew the co-operation between OPEC and Norway," Subroto said.

"Both Norway and OPEC are in the same boat. If they can work together to stabilise the market, it would be to everyone's advantage and would help us strengthen the market."

Asked the ministers' meeting would be "make or break" for the organisation, Subroto said:

"I would like to see make rather than break ... we are all endeavouring to bring some order to the market."

He estimated demand for OPEC oil at between 18.5 and 19 million barrels per day (BPD) in the fourth quarter. OPEC currently has a production limit of 15.06 million BPD, excluding Iraq, but oil market analysts say

that it may implement by the end of the year, is designed as a sale of accounts receivable from oil over a seven-year period, based upon existing long-term crude oil supply contracts.

The operation appears to involve the sale of revenues from future oil sales to procure funds now.

"The Bank of America and the firm Salomon Brothers have been contracted as agents to structure this transaction and implement the later placement in the market of institutional investors," the ministry statement said.

Bank of America is a subsidiary of San Francisco-based BankAmerica Corp. and Salomon Brothers Inc. is a New York-based investment bank.

Meanwhile, Venezuela is considering a plan to raise up to \$1 billion in new loans based on future crude oil sales and has contacted the Bank of America and Salomon Brothers Inc. regarding the plan, the ministry said yesterday.

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tion, which it may implement by the end of the year, is designed as a sale of accounts receivable from oil over a seven-year period, based upon existing long-term crude oil supply contracts.

The newspaper said Venezuela had decided to seek the loans because of its unwillingness to turn to the International Monetary Fund for help with a balance of payments deficit.

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Venezuela's total foreign debt of \$30.3 billion is the fourth biggest in Latin America, after Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.

The government of President Jaime Lusinchi has been unable to persuade foreign banks to grant it fresh loans, other than project financing or export credits. Many commercial banks insist on a debtor nation agreeing to an economic programme before granting new loans.

The confirmation that Venezuela is seeking the loans followed Finance Minister Hector Hurtado's denial on Monday

World Business Summary

Platinum price jumps on strong speculative buying

ZURICH, Nov 2. (Reuter): The price of platinum, the costliest precious metal, has jumped in recent days on heavy buying by speculators who think supplies will not meet demand this year.

Zurich dealers today quoted it at \$564/566 an ounce, \$12 above yesterday's close and around \$40 higher than a week ago.

"Demand for platinum for industrial purposes, particularly for use in catalytic converters, has risen faster than supplies," said Fredy Gubler, a precious metals analyst with Citicorp Investment Bank (Switzerland) in Zurich. Catalytic converters clean up car exhaust fumes by absorbing carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide.

They are widely used in North America and are becoming more widespread in Europe as governments tighten anti-pollution regulations. Analysts said other factors had encouraged the platinum rally — recent "buy" recommendations from commodity houses, lack of movement in other precious metals, introduction of new platinum coins by Australia and Canada and traditional demand from the jewellery industry. Japan, where platinum is much in demand for jewellery as well as for industrial purposes, appears to be the main buyer. A Zurich dealer said a London house placed an order for 50,000 to 70,000 ounces of platinum in New York on Monday, apparently on behalf of a Japanese client.

Orders of this size would cause barely a ripple on the gold market but have a big impact on the much thinner and more volatile platinum market. "It's not clear whether the Japanese are just investing in an item that looks like getting scarce or if they are trying to meet real physical demand," said Gubler. Some controversy surrounds the question of how much platinum is in circulation and how strong world demand is. Johnson Matthey PLC, the largest refiner, said in September that world demand in 1988 would exceed supply by 450,000 ounces.

Iraq finds new oil deposit

BAGHDAD, Nov 2. (Reuter): Iraq said today it had found high-quality oil reserves in the south after drilling down 4,700 feet (1,430 metres) and it planned to sink more deep wells elsewhere.

Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi told the Iraqi news agency INA the deposit, with a very low sulphur and acid content, was found at North Ramala oilfield northwest of Basra. "Other plans were laid to drill deep wells in giant oilfields," he said. "Test operations of the new oil deposit are continuing to study its geographical extent." Chalabi said Iraq's proven oil reserves were put at 100 billion barrels at the start of this year. Its current production is estimated at 2.7 million barrels a day.

Sino-Soviet border trade surges

HONG KONG, Nov 2. (AP): Chinese-Soviet border trade for 1988 is expected to reach nearly \$466.7 million, more than four times that of last year, according to a pro-Beijing news agency report appearing today. The China News Service said Chinese-Soviet economic co-operation near the border has evolved into joint ventures, technology transfer, contract projects, labour corporations and processing and assembling industries. The report in the Hong Kong newspaper Sing Tao Wan Pao said provinces bordering the Soviet Union such as Heilongjiang, Jilin, Inner Mongolia and Xinjiang, and inland provinces and autonomous regions are allowed to trade directly with the Soviets.

China and the Soviet Union in recent years have tried to improve relations after an era of icy relations because of political and ideological differences. China exports consumer goods, electronic appliances and food to the Soviet Union and imports Russian timber, chemical fertilizers and vehicles, it said. The report said the first Chinese-Soviet joint venture — a photography laboratory — has opened at the border near the Sea of Japan, while the first Chinese trade fair ended in the Soviet city of Blagoveshchensk about a week ago. Lin Jingci, Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade, has said Chinese-Soviet trade increased rapidly since the two commercial giants signed an agreement in June for local trade development and economic co-operation. China News Service said trade between China's northeastern Heilongjiang province and the Soviet Union in the first nine months of 1988 was \$231 million. Trade between the Soviet Union and Jilin, Inner Mongolia and Xinjiang provinces totalled \$207.8 million.

Company tries to raise flagging stock price

Sears changes its marketing strategy

CHICAGO, Nov 2. (Reuter): Sears, Roebuck and Company, haunted by takeover rumours for months, said yesterday it would sell the 110-store Sears Tower, slash costs and change its basic marketing strategy in a major shakeup at the world's largest retailer.

In a broad-ranging restructuring, Sears will raise enough cash to buy back about 10 per cent of its stock, worth some \$1.7 billion.

But Sears' bid to raise its flagging stock price fell flat on Wall Street, where more dramatic measures had been anticipated. Sears shares tumbled \$2.125, to

\$41.50, in afternoon trading.

The retailer's low profits and under-performing divisions have boosted takeover rumours.

Chairman Edward Brennan said consumers were confused by Sears' frequent sales and promotions, and the new strategy was to reduce inventories and boost sales with "every-day low pricing".

Retail industry analyst John Lanschultz said: "This is a major turning point for Sears, Roebuck

... lack of growth has been their big problem. By putting the emphasis on every-day low prices it gives them an opportunity for growth."

Sears shares have been depressed for more than a year but lurched higher recently after takeover rumours began to surround the company. The

rumours gained momentum in recent weeks as a number of bugs deals captured headlines: RJR Nabisco Inc.'s record \$20.3 billion offer from leveraged buyout specialist Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Company, and the agreement by Kraft Inc to be acquired by Philip Morris for \$13.1 billion.

"We are acutely aware of investors' desire for improved returns and enhanced share value," said Brennan. But in a statement Sears talked about a post-restructuring company that would not be dramatically changed, since it will not leave any of its four major businesses.

Gas production

ABU DHABI, Nov 2. (OPECNA): The total 1988 production of the Dubai Gas Company (DUGAS) will reach 600,000 tonnes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) this year. The figure does not include dry gas which the company also produces.

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Shortages

Even though it is just beginning and hardly the cause of such shortages, reform has lost friends to the "declining living standards" argument, a key weapon in the conservative opposition's arsenal.

"He desperately wants to increase the quantity and quality of consumer goods," one Western diplomat said.

"Yes, it is a way of buying off discontent to make the people work harder. This is really what he should be doing, though. He should be increasing the flow of consumer goods to boost incentives. People are going to stop working if they have nothing to work for."

In an interview with the West German magazine Der Spiegel, Gorbachev attacked notions that West was bailing out his reforms or that the Kremlin was eager for a "Marshall Plan" to revive its economy.

Goods

"This is, as I understand it... in some respect an instance of arrogance," he said.

"It is claimed that without the capitalist engine, it will be impossible to pull out the Soviet economic train. To cut a long story short, I will say the following: We are sure that we will resolve our problems on our own, but we are prepared fully to use the opportunities offered by external relations. We are not expecting assistance."

Two deals concluded in October, with a West German consortium led by Deutsche Bank for 3 billion marks (\$1.67 billion) and with an Italian consortium for \$775 million, were specifically earmarked for an urgent modernisation of the decrepit factories of the Soviet consumer goods industry.

Last July the Soviet Union floated a \$273 million Eurobond issue in Deutsche marks for the same purpose. That followed a trial issue of \$65.3 million by Swiss banks in January.

Some bankers interpret the borrowing fever as a sign of failure rather than of any new Soviet confidence in dealing with the West.

"It was clear the Soviet Union

had bated their push on joint ventures would have provided the Western capital to build up the consumer goods industry," a Western businessman said.

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LONDON
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(Beta Stocks)

NAME	LAST	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ABBEY LFE	281/0	INCHCAPE	213.0	213.0
ADT LTD	132.0	JAGUAR	261.0	261.0
ALD LTD	470/0	LADBROKE	453/0	453/0
AMSTRAD	204.0	LAND SEC'S	595/0	595/0
ARGYLL GP	170/0	LAPORE	390/0	390/0
ASDA GP	147/0	NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
BAA	277.0	2ND ALICE	759/0	758/0
BTR	300.0	A.MER. LTD	365/0	365/0
BAT IND'S	456/0	A.B.ELECT	462/0	459/0
SARCLATS	410.0	AER. LTD	195/0	193/0
BASS	806/0	AAB KENT	88/0	88/0
BEAVER	180/0	AAR HLD	272/0	273/0
BEECHAMS	467.0	AARONSON	128/0	127/0
BERISFORD	406/0	MEPC	572.0	572.0
BICC PLC	375/0	ADDISON	36/0	36/0
BLUE ARMY	95.0	ADREST	346/0	345/0
BLUE CIRC	451/0	ALEX WRK	175/0	177/0
SOC GP	426/0	ALIANCE	852/0	851/0
SCOUTS CO	223/0	AMBER DAY	52/0	52/0
SPB IND'S	270.0	AMEC	352/0	353/0
SR COMM	242/0	CARADON	349/0	349/0
BR AIRWAT	168.0	CARCO EN	176/0	175/0
BR AEROSP	491/0	CAMPFIRE	187/0	188/0
BR GAS RG	163/0	CANNING W	233/0	234/0
BR GAS RT	163/0	CANNON ST	287/0	287/0
BR LAND	343/0	CALEDONIA	358/0	360/0
S.P.P.	244.0	CALENDAR	350/0	353/0
BR TELCOM	417.5	CARLON	385/0	386/0
BURMAN OL	544.0	CARLTON C	655/0	651/0
BURTON	204.0	CATER ALL	350/0	350/0
CABLEHAIR	402.0	CATTLE HD	64/0	65/0
CADBURYS	372.0	CENTL ITV	567/0	563/0
COATS VIT	179.0	CHAM PHR	160/0	160/0
COMI UNI	332.0	CHARTERNA	21/0	21/0
CONS GOLD	186.0	CHAS CHUR	106/0	106/0
COOKSONS	282.0	CHLORIDE	59/4	61/0
COURTAULD	95.0	CHRISTIES	604/0	605/0
DALGETY	330.0	CI GROUP	46/0	46/0
DIXON'S	147.0	CLANMEDIN	158/0	157/0
ENC CHINA	491.0	CLANTR SEC	49/0	49/0
ENTER OIL	581.0	LEX SERV	381/0	380/0
FKI BABCK	137.0	LCF LIFE	54/0	55/0
FERRANTI	95.0	LILLEY FJ	53/4	54/0
FISONS	250.0	LIT	150/0	151/0
GATEWAY	168.0	LOD SHOP	272/0	272/0
GEH ACCID	843.0	LOM LTD	131/0	130/0
GEN ELEC	176/0	LOMEDIIN	158/0	157/0
GLAXO	110/0	LORE SERV	381/0	380/0
GRANADA	328/0	LT	220/0	221/0
GLOBE	146.5	THORNTONS	128/0	128/0
GLYNNED	302/0	THROGHTON	395/0	396/0
GUARD RYL	183.0	TI GROUP	381/0	381/0
GUN	330/0	TIME RACK	95/0	96/0
GUINNESS	341/0	TONKINS F	235/0	236/0
HANERSH A	663.0	TOOTAL	119/0	119/0
HANSON	149.0	TOZER KEN	102/0	102/0
HARRIS C	656/0	TR CITY	77/4	77/4
HAKER SID	353/0	TR INDUS	129/0	129/0
HILLSDOM	267/0	TR INDUS	129/0	129/0
ICI	355.0	TR PACIFIC	54/4	54/4
IND	1495.6	TR PROPT	52/6	52/4
FT 500 ORD	1507.7	TR TEESE	221/0	223/0
FT 500 SHR	1056.1	TR TRSTEE	132/0	132/0
FT ALL SHR	968.7	TRAVISAR	440/0	440/0
FT GOV SEC	89.19	TRUST SEC	346/0	345/0
FT GOLD MN	169.9	TRIMOCO	47/0	47/0
FT HINES F	561.55	TRIPLEX	193/0	192/0
FT OIL	1738.9	TRITON ER	146/0	146/0
FT WLD DLR	133.89	TRITON ER	214/0	214/0
FT WLD STG	112.34	TRSPRT DV	241/0	241/0
FT WLD LOC	118.84	TRUSSARD	70/0	70/0
FT 500 IND'S	118.77	TRUSSARD	70/0	70/0
FT 500 IND'S	118.01	TRUSSARD	70/0	70/0
FT 500 IND'S	99.08	TRUSSARD	70/0	70/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-TR
FT 30 ORD	1495.6	1507.7	1508.9	1476.5
FT 500 IND'S	1056.1	1054.7	1050.5	957.6
FT 500 SHR	968.7	965.54	946.27	870.22
FT GOV SEC	89.19	89.33	89.31	88.49
FT GOLD MN	169.9	169.1	168.9	171.6
FT HINES F	561.55	559.05	596.93	450.65
FT OIL	1738.9	1734.3	1765.2	16536
FT WLD DLR	133.89	133.82	133.17	125.62
FT WLD STG	112.19	112.19	111.64	110.62
FT WLD LOC	118.84	118.77	118.23	116.01
FT 500 IND'S	99.08	99.08	99.08	99.08

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS LAGUISH NEAR LOWS IN LATE TRADING				
LONDON, NOV 2, REUTER - EQUITIES WERE LAGUISHING NEAR THE DAY'S LOW IN DESULTORY TRADING AS A WEAK DOLLAR AND AN EASIER START ON WALL STREET WEIGHED ON THE MARKET.				
DEALERS SAID GROWING BEARISHNESS OVER THE DOLLAR AND A REALISATION THAT U.K. INTEREST RATES WOULD NOT BE COMING DOWN FOR SOME CONSIDERABLE TIME PUSHED SHARES LOWER THIS MORNING. THE FALL THEN ACCELERATED WHEN A NUMBER OF SELL PROGRAMMES WERE TRIGGERED AT THE FTSE 100 SLID THROUGH 1,850 TOWARD MIDDAY.				
"THE DOLLAR'S FALL HAS MADE A LOT OF PEOPLE NERVOUS BUT AS YET THERE'S NO REAL SELLING PRESSURE IN THE MARKET," SAID ONE TRADER. BY 1550 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 18.5 POINTS OFF AT 1,839.3.				
DEALERS NOTED THAT IT WAS THE MAJOR EXPORTING COMPANIES, AND THEREFORE BIG DOLLAR EARNERS, WHICH HAD SUFFERED MOST TODAY AS THE U.S. CURRENCY FELL.				
ICI WAS 12P DOWN AT 1,034, HAMER SIDDELEY SLIPPED 11P TO 554, GLAXO DROPPED 12P TO 1,110, WELLCOME SHED 1C TO 470 AND BAT LOST 1C TO 457.				
HOWEVER, MORE INTERVENTION BY THE U.S. FEDERAL RESERVE SERVED TO BALANCE THE DOLLAR'S DECLINE AND WALL STREET WAS TRADING ONLY MILDLY EASIER WHEN DEALERS WERE HAD FEARED IT WOULD FALL MUCH FARTHER.				

London Gold

LONDON, NOV 2, REUTER - PLATINUM FINISHED AT 378.50/579 DLR'S AN OUNCE, AROUND ITS HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE EARLY JULY AND UP SHARPLY FROM TUESDAY'S LONDON CLOSE 553.25/555.00 DLR'S.				
EARLY GAINS IN NYMEX FUTURES SAM THE METAL BURST THROUGH AN EXPECTED RESISTANCE AREA OF 575 DLR'S IN LONDON DURING THE AFTERNOON, HAVING SURGED ABOVE A SIGNIFICANT 560 DLR'S POINT DURING NYMEX'S THIS MORNING'S SESSION TUESDAY, DEALERS SAID.				
LONDON INTEREST WAS MAINLY SPECULATIVE, FOLLOWING REPORTS THAT JAPAN HAS STEPPED ITS PHYSICAL DEMAND FOR THE METAL DUE TO STRENGTH IN THE YEN. ITS ADVANCE LENT SUPPORT TO GOLD AND SILVER, THEY ADDED.				

London Money Market

LONDON, NOV 2, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES FINISHED BARELY CHANGED ON OVERNIGHT LEVELS, THOUGH LONGER DATES SHOWED A SLIGHTLY FIRMER BASIS AFTER A QUIET DAY'S TRADE.				
"IT'S BEEN A STRUGGLE TO DO BUSINESS," SAID ONE DEALER.				
AFTER THE U.K. CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER'S RECENT COMMENTS ON DEFEATING INFLATION THROUGH HIGH INTEREST RATES, THE MARKET HAS ACCEPTED THE IDEA THAT THE CURRENT LEVEL OF INTEREST RATES IS HERE TO STAY UNTIL AT LEAST THE BUDGET NEXT YEAR.				
ONE DEALER SAID HE EXPECTED THE MARKET TO BE LOCKED IN A 3/8 POINT RANGE UNTIL MID-1989. THE KEY THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE ENDED AT 12-1/2 12 PCT, UNCHANGED FROM LAST NIGHT.				

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International Bond Highlights

NEW YORK: Great Western Bank issued 250 million dollars of floating rate step-down notes due 1991 simultaneously in the US and on international capital markets, said manager Merrill Lynch capital markets. (RTT 1551)

LONDON: Honda International Finance BV, a unit of Honda Motor Co Ltd, is issuing a 100 million dollar Eurobond due Nov. 29, 1993 paying 9-1/8 pct and priced at 101-3/8 pct, lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. (RTX 1417) It is also issuing a 100 million ECU Eurobond due Nov. 29, 1993 paying 7-7/8 pct and priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Morgan Stanley International said. (RTY 1456)

ZURICH: Japan's Chubu Electric Power Co is issuing a 300 million Swiss franc, six year, 4-1/2 pct bond priced at 100-3/4 pct, lead manager Union Bank of Switzerland said. (RTWS 0923)

LONDON: Deutsche Bank Australia Ltd is issuing a 125 million Australian dollar five year Eurobond paying 13-3/8 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Deutsche Bank Capital Markets said.

TOKYO: Junk bonds, once shunned by Japanese investors, are finding new life here packaged in funds that reduce the loss potential and open the investment market in medium-sized US companies, analysts said. (Economic Spotlight, ECRJ-O).

Interest Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
DN 11-15/16 13/16	12 11-7/8	12-3/16 1/16
FFT 4.75/85	4.70/80	4.90/5.00
PAR 7-11/16 13/16	7-3/4 7/8	8 8-1/8
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/2 4	3-3/8 4-1/8
BKR 4.85	7-3/16 3/16	7-1/4 5/16
RON 10-3/8 10-7/8	11 11-1/2	11-3/8 11-7/8
AMS 5.12/25	5.20/30	5.20/30
TKD 3.9375 4.0000	4.3125 3750	4.4375 50000
ECU 7.25 7.50	7.43 7.56	7.50 7.62

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-13/16	7-1/4
3 months	6-3/4	7-1/4
6 months	6-9/16	7-1/16
1 year	6-9/16	7-1/16

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GL.INDIA	76.50	78	80	NICO	640	635	640
ACC 276.50	292	303	GNPC	57.50	57.50	58.25	MUKAND	109	110	110
ASIA PAINT 213.75	217.50	217.50	GSFC	138.75	140	143.75	OKRAY	38.50	40	41
BAJAJ AUTO 367.50	370	378.75	NIND LEVER	83	83	84	PEICO	32	30	31
BOM.DYING 133	134	138.50	NINDALCO	123	124	124	PFIZER	76	76	77.50
BR. BOND 112	111	113	NINDCOCA	110	110	112.50	PRE-AUTO	48	48	50.50
BSE INDEX 675.38	654.18	654.18	IND.ORG	41	40.50	43.50	RELIANCE	165.50	165	168
CENTURSPG 1280	1300	1340	INDRAYON	79	79	79.50	SIEMENS	103	105	106
COLGATE 302.50	308.25	312.50	INDROL	268.75	266.5	281.25	SPIC	50.50	51	51.75
DEEPAKERT 39.50	40	41	ITC	54	52	54	STOMILS	310	300	310
E1-NTTEL 50	50	53	JCSYNTN	82.75	82	82.75	TATA PMR	335	330	335
ESKAPEF 145	145	146.25	L. AND T.	124	126	132	TATACHEM	101	100	102
ESSAR 23	23	24	HANHINDRA	98	99	105.50	TECO	711.25	710	717.50
GAR. POLY 95.75	95	96.25	NASTERSH	16.50	16.25	16.75	TSICO	962.50	967.50	985
GE.SNIP 39.50	39.25	40.50	NATWER PL	58.50	72.50	73.75	VOLTAS	440	430	440

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STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	OPEN	CLOSE	NITSUB CP	1280	1220	NITSUB EL	940	951	951
AEG 191.4	191.5			AIJINOMOTO	2580	2580	MITSUB EST	2610	2580	
ALLIANZ-VR 1713.0	1738.0			AKAI ELEC	600	605	NITSUB INV	1020	1060	
BADERBERK 183.0	183.0			AKOI	1000	1000	NITSU CO	917	905	
BASF-E 282.0	285.8			ASANI GLS	1880	1880	NITSUKOSHI	1960	1960	
BATER-E 297.2	306.3			ASANI OPT	655	655	NITSUMI EL	920	960	
BAYER-HYP 375.0	382.0			BANK TOKYO	1530	1520	NICHICON	1080	1120	
BAYER-VER 374.0	377.0			BRIOGEDT	1230	1230	NINH CHNT	965	951	
BBC 323.9	324.5			CAONON	1250	1280	NIKKO SEC	1610	1610	
BMF 408.0	413.5			CASIO COMP	1200	1240	NIP ELEC	1770	1800	
BWU 544.5	549.5			CHUGAI PHM	1610	1640	NIP KOKAN	876	844	
COMMERZB 245.5	251.2			CITIZEN U	773	782	NIP OIL	1390	1380	
CONTI.GM 264.5	269.6			E-ICHI KAM	3040	3000	NIP STEEL	892	875	
DAINIC BEN 761.0	761.0			DAI NIIP IK	899	827	NIP YUSEN	839	830	
DEUTSC BNK 530.2	545.5			DAI NIIP PT	2640	2630	NIS MOTOR	1230	1290	
DLW 385.0	389.0			DAI NIIC SC	890	910	NOMURA SEC	3440	3410	
DRESDNER B 294.5	302.0			DAI NI TO	729	736	ORBA CO	805	810	
DT BACCOCK 154.0	155.0			DAICEL	780	793	OLYMPUS	1030	1030	
FAZ INDEX 535.80	537.25			DAIMA J.	1920	1960	PENTA OCN	1020	1080	
FELDMEYER 279.0	281.8			DAIMA SEC	2210	2220	PIONEER	2630	2920	
GOLDBERG 2338.00	2347.91			DAISY	1800	1820	RENKIN	890	864	
HOEPNER 398.0	401.0			DAISEI	1410	1470	RICOH	1070	1090	
HOECHST AG 296.5	303.5			FUJITSU	3070	3060	SANYO ELEC	660	681	
HOESCH 166.0	169.9			FUJII BANK	3050	3060	SEIYU ST	1930	1950	
HORTEN 205.0	207.0			FUJII PHOTO	3050	3060	SHISEIDO	1480	1470	
HUSSEL NLD 470.0	473.0			FUJISAWA	1590	1600	SHARP	987	985	
KALI SALZ 153.0	152.0			FUJITA CP	780	800	SIMSEIDO	1480	1470	
KARSTADT 448.0	451.5			FUJITSU	1440	1500	SONY	5890	5990	
KAUFHOF 411.0	414.5			FUJIKO	1900	1970	TOYOTA	1790	1790	
KLOECK N 139.2	139.5			FUJIKO	1990	2000	TOYOTA	1770	1770	
KLOECK W 101.0	102.0			FUJIKO	3990	3950	TOYOTA	1770	1770	
LINDE 708.0	713.0			FUJIKO	971	991	TAISEI	1250	1290	
LUFTHANSA 151.0	154.0			JAPAN AIR	13000	12800	TAISEI	2340	2310	
NAM 207.0	208.5			JAPAN NET	696	720	TEIJIN	760	772	
HANESMAN 183.0	189.0			TOKO NEW IX	150.29	155.62	TEIJIN	760	772	
MERCES 630.0	635.0			TOKO NEW IX	2100	2130	TOYOKO	2100	2130	
METALLGES 338.0	341.0			TOKO NEW IX	2100	2130	TOYOKO	2100	2130	
NIXDORF PF 412.4	417.2			TOKO NEW IX	2100	2130	TOYOKO	2100	2130	
NORK NYD 27.20	27.40			TOKO NEW IX	2100	2130	TOYOKO	2100	2130	
PHILIP KDM 620.5	620.0			TOKO NEW IX	2100	2130	TOYOKO	2100	2130	
POSCHE 580.2	580.0			TOKO NEW IX	2100	2130	TOYOK			

UK stocks languish near lows

Dollar weaker despite Fed intervention

LONDON, Nov 2 (Reuters): The central banks of the United States and Japan bought dollars in renewed open market intervention today to prop up America's currency.

The US Federal Reserve Bank bought dollars for yen when currency trading opened in New York. The Bank of Japan bought an estimated \$300 million to \$400 million during Tokyo's trading day.

After the US intervention, London traders said the dollar perked up by 1430 GMT it was hardly changed from its opening level, fetching just under 125 yen.

British and West German shares fell while gold and oil prices edged higher.

Most currency dealers reckoned the dollar would remain weak ahead of the US presidential election next Tuesday.

"People are still very negative here," said economist Tim Fox of Barclays Bank Global Treasury Services in London.

Investors

The pattern of the last few days has been for heavy dollar selling in Asia partially countered by the European and US trading days by news of dollar-buying intervention by the Bank of Japan and the US Federal Reserve.

Today's trading was complicated by the fact that Thursday is a national holiday in Japan.

'Deficit will remain huge unless policies are changed'

New study predicts only modest US trade gains

WASHINGTON, Nov 2 (Reuters): A new study supports the US government's claim that deep-seated economic changes will prevent America's trade gap from widening again but warns the deficit will remain huge unless policies are changed.

The report, by a top economist at the Federal Reserve, is significant because it is one of the first attempts to put a number on the impact that phenomena such as rising investment and productivity, which are neglected in conventional forecasting models, might have on the nation's trade balance.

Deficit

The study estimates that trade gains from these and other so-called "supply-side" factors could reduce the US current account deficit, which measures trade in goods and services and investment earnings, by \$60 billion a year by 1993.

But the deficit, assuming no change in the dollar's inflation-

"Institutional investors hurried to sell ahead of the holiday here, on expectations that downward pressure on the dollar could increase because the Bank of Japan cannot support it tomorrow," said Hirozumi Tanaka, foreign exchange department chief at Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank in Tokyo.

The dollar opened about half a pfennig and a quarter of a yen lower in London at 1,782.5 West German marks and 125 yen and by midday had eased to around 1,779.5 and 124.75.

Much of the market's concern about the dollar sprung from long-term worries about the huge US budget deficit.

Britain's pound sterling opened about half a pfennig lower at 3,150 marks, but was about a cent higher at \$1.77. By midday it traded around 3,158 marks and \$1.7733.

Dealers said Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson implied in his autumn economic statement to parliament yesterday that British interest rates would remain high in order to fight rising inflation.

Slipped

Lawson said in a radio interview this morning that interest rate levels appeared adequate and he saw no need to raise them for now.

West German shares shed pre-bourse gains to start lower but French shares started quietly fir-

mer after a four-day All Saints holiday weekend.

In Asia, Tokyo's 225-share Nikkei average slipped 28.41 points to 27,985.26, breaking a run of seven consecutive trading days of gains.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended 7.61 points lower at 2,607.82 in dull trading and thin turnover, dealers said.

Australian shares were lower in cautious, lackluster trading and Sydney's All Ordinaries index fell 5.5 points to 1,579.4.

Gold was fixed in London this morning at \$412.50 an ounce compared with a close of \$410.75 yesterday.

Brent oil from Britain's North Sea was quoted in Europe at around \$12.60 a barrel for December delivery compared with \$12.22 at the close to London yesterday.

In London equities were languishing near the day's lows in desultory trading as a weak dollar and an easier start on Wall Street weighed on the market.

Dealers said growing bearishness over the dollar and a realisation that UK interest rates would not be coming down for some considerable time pushed shares lower this morning. The fall then accelerated when a number of sell programmes were triggered as the FTSE 100 slid through 1,850 toward midday.

"The dollar's fall has made a lot of people nervous but as yet there's no real selling pressure in

the market," said one trader. By 1550 GMT the FTSE 100 was 18.5 points off at 1,839.3.

Dealers noted that it was the major exporting companies, and therefore big dollar earners, which had suffered most today as the US currency fell.

ICI was 12p down at 1,034, Hawker Siddeley slipped 11p to 554, Glaxo dropped 12p to 1,110, Wellcome shed 10p to 470 and Bat lost 10p to 457.

However, more intervention by the US Federal Reserve served to halt the dollar's decline and Wall Street was trading only narrowly easier when dealers had feared it would fall much farther.

Sentiment

Overall market sentiment was also undermined by retailer Marks and Spencer's half-year figures, which showed a pre-tax profit at the lower end of analysts' forecasts at £185.5 million. The figure compared with £171.7 million in the first half of 1987 and estimates of £185 million to £195 million.

Publisher Reed International, though, proved a bright spot with its shares up 2p to 415 after reporting first-half pre-tax profits up 21 per cent to £133.2 million, against market forecasts of around £115 million.

Scottish and Newcastle were steady at 401p with its downside potential limited by the 400p per share Elders bid.

Furnishings company

Coloroll, unchanged at 175, also reported half-year results above expectations today, with pre-tax profit at 20.55 million compared with 11.15 million in 1987.

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exchanges among Arab countries, the minister said he would seek an overland transport agreement with Iraq which would boost bilateral economic and commercial relations.

Needs

He added that he would discuss the possibility of purchasing cereals from Iraq to meet Kuwait's needs.

In an arrival statement here, Saudi Arabian Minister of Commerce Dr Sulaiman Al Salim welcomed the fact that the fair is being held in an atmosphere of peace and at a time when Iraq is engaged in rebuilding what was destroyed in the war.

Meanwhile, a statement released last week from the South Korean Foreign Ministry said that a delegation comprising officials from the ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance, Trade, Energy and Construction would attend the fair.

The delegation, which would spend a week in Iraq, would hold talks with Iraqi officials on stepping up bilateral economic cooperation and also emphasise Korea's keenness to take part in Iraq's post-war reconstruction.

Markets to cast own vote on economic policy of new American president

TOKYO, Nov 2 (Reuters): Time is already running out for the next president of the United States to solve America's economic problems. And he hasn't even been elected yet.

No matter who wins the election on November 8, he will have to move quickly to reduce the huge US budget and trade deficits or face the ire of world financial markets, Canadian, European and Japanese economists said.

"The patience of financial markets may be ended after the election," said Jacques Mistral, an economic adviser to the French government.

Investors

Some foreign investors have already begun to show signs of impatience at having to wait for action from Washington.

The dollar has dropped sharply in the last month, partly because Japanese and other foreign investors have decided the United States is not reducing its trade deficit fast enough.

Solutions

"If the budget and external deficits look unlikely to drop rapidly, at some point financial markets will explode," said Takashi Kiuchi, a general manager at LTCB Investment Management Co Ltd, a subsidiary of long-term Credit Bank of Japan.

If the new president — Republican George Bush or

Democrat Michael Dukakis — fails to cut the twin deficits, the markets may push the dollar, US bonds and shares lower.

Only a few weeks ago, conventional wisdom had it that the markets would give the new president a honeymoon period of as much as six months to come up with solutions to those problems.

Some economists have been alarmed by Bush's insistence that he will not raise taxes to close the budget shortfall. They have read his lips and have not liked what they have seen. Bush promised voters that, regardless of deficit-cutting pressures, he would tell Congress, "read my lips — no new taxes."

Growth

"The Bush administration would continue to fuel US economic growth on the back of the savings of the rest of the world," said George Magnus, chief international economist at Warburg Securities in London. "And that is not something which is sustainable in the long run."

Although the vice-president's call for a capital gains tax cut could hurt financial markets and might even encourage Americans to save more, it is unlikely to survive a Democratic Congress, several economists said.

Massachusetts Governor Dukakis has scored points with some economists for at least recognising the possibility that taxes might have to be raised. But they are afraid he would fritter away the extra revenue with increased spending.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

943.6 points.

PARIS: French shares ended firmer in thin trade with interest after the long weekend focused on Societé Générale in an otherwise featureless market. The 50-share Bourse Indicator ended 0.56 pct up.

LONDON: Growing bearishness over the dollar and realisation UK interest rates would not come down in the near future pushed shares lower. By 1550 GMT the FTSE 100 was 18.5 points off at 1,839.3.

BOMBAY: Share prices rose sharply for the second day in a row on hectic speculative and investment buying. Brokers said sustained buying by state-owned financial institutions chiefly boosted the market, which suffered a setback last week.

ZURICH: Swiss shares ended a quiet session firmer, dealers said, with foreign demand helping banks and insurance which led gains. The Swiss index rose three points to

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Envoy meets Sheikh Sabah

KUWAIT, Nov 2 (KUNA): Governor of Central Bank of Kuwait Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah received today the Turkish Ambassador to Kuwait Guner Ortez.

Sheikh Salem also met with the governor of Algeria's Central Bank, who is currently on a visit to the country.

Bilateral issues of common concern were discussed in both meetings.

Non-communist nations represent 45.495 million ounces and communist nations 12,484 million.

Projections

According to the institute's projections, South Africa will still be the world's biggest producer in 1991, with its production up to 20.7 million ounces. But it will be down slightly to only 30.6 per cent of the bigger world total output, projected at 67.554 million ounces that year.

Dear Junior Readers,

If you have ever played a game called 'Chinese Whispers', where a sentence is whispered from person to person in a large group, you will know just how much the original sentence can change by the time it is spoken aloud by the last person. Of course, part of the reason for this is that the sentence is not clearly heard as it is passed on, but another reason is that people either add words or leave them out to make the sentence funnier or more interesting.

The point I want to make is that this is often what happens to rumours and gossip — things get added or taken away and a story which was quite harmless in the beginning ends up as something very dangerous. It may be that the bad talk does not actually get changed very much, but what is going round was untrue or twisted information in the first place.

The lesson to be learned is not to spread such gossip and rumours by repeating something unkind someone has told you about a friend or classmate. Even if what you have heard is true, it is unfair to go around telling dozens of people a secret that was first meant to be heard by only one person. If the rumour is not true, then you could be playing a part in making someone very unhappy, especially if he or she cannot get people to believe the truth.

The best advice is to break the rumour chain and say nothing. Just imagine how you would feel if others were spreading gossip about you!

Auntie Jayne

Solution to Tuesday's crossword:
Across: 1 Tunic; 4 Model; 7 Enlists; 8 Ode; 9 Canal; 10 Flag; 12 Eel; 14 East; 16 Issue; 19 Car; 20 Concert; 21 Water; 22 Timid
Down: 1 Treadle; 2 Nylon; 3 Castle; 4 Mask; 5 Drill; 6 Lie; 11 Greeted; 13 Lianet; 15 Strut; 17 Steam; 18 Scar; 19 Cow



Happiness

Happiness is going to the park,
Happiness is listening to the lark,
Happiness is playing games,
Happiness is in London having picnics near the Thames,
Happiness is going to the beaches,
Happiness is having peaches,
Happiness is swimming in the pool,
Happiness is studying in the school.

Many thanks to Miss Surekha Baliga, aged 10, of Class V Carmel School, for sending in this nice poem.

Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON

Truly amazing!

Chinese comic books are very popular with children in Hong Kong but as few of them can afford to buy them, there are street stands where the comics can be hired cheaply and they sit there and read them.

Houses were first numbered in Paris in 1463. The practice was adopted in London 300 years later.

The St Edward's crown used in British coronations weighs nearly 5 lbs and contains over 400 precious stones.

Typewriters were first developed to help the blind.

Our lungs hold from 5 to 8 pints of air.

More people in the United States die in the months of January and February than in any other month. The months with the lowest rate of mortality are July, August and September.

There are thermal areas in New Zealand where, because of the earth's crust being extremely thin, the energy bottled up below the surface bursts through in the form of boiling mud pools.

THERE was once a woman who had no children, and this caused her great sorrow.

"Dear sun," she said one warm summer's day, "give me a baby girl, and I will give her back to you when she is twelve years old." So the sun gave her a little girl, who was called Letiko, and the woman was extremely fond of her.

Now when Letiko was twelve years old, she went one day to gather wild flowers in the meadow, and the sun came to her, saying, "Letiko, go and tell your mother that the time has come for her to keep her promise to me."

So Letiko went home, and told her mother that a fine gentleman had told her that it was time for her mother's promise to be kept. Her mother turned pale with fright, and rushed to close all the doors and windows in the house, to prevent the sun from coming in.

But she forgot the key-hole, and through this the sun sent a sunbeam, which seized Letiko and took her off to the sun.

Now one day the sun sent Letiko into the barn to fetch some straw. She sat down on one of the bales and began to cry.

"Just as you sigh beneath me, straw," she said, "so my heart sighs for my dear mother."

She was so long away that when she came back the sun asked her, "What is

the matter, Letiko? Why were you away for so long?"

"My slippers are so big," she replied, "that I can hardly walk in them."

So the sun made her slippers a little smaller.

On another occasion the sun sent her to the spring for water, and she sat down beside the spring and cried.

"Just as you flow past me, water, so flows my heart with longing to my dear mother."

Again she was a long time away, so when she came back the sun asked her, "What is the matter, Letiko? Why were you away for so long?"

"My dress is too long, and I trip over it when I walk," she said.

So the sun cut her dress a little shorter.

Not long afterwards he sent her for a pair of sandals. As Letiko was carrying them back she again began to cry.

"Just as you creak, leather, so my heart breaks for my dear mother."

"What is the matter, Letiko?" asked the sun once again. "Why were you away for so long?"

"My hat is too wide and if fell over my eyes," she replied.

So the sun made her hat a little narrower.

But the sun was well aware of Letiko's sadness, for he had heard her crying for her mother. So he sent for two young hares, and asked them if they would be willing to take Letiko

back to her.

"Yes, indeed," they replied.

"What will you eat and drink?" asked the sun, "if you are hungry and thirsty on the way?"

"We shall eat grass, and drink the sparkling waters of the streams," they replied.

"All right," said the sun. "Look after her carefully and take her home to her mother."

So the two young hares set off with Letiko, but it was a long, long way to her mother's house, and the hares began to feel hungry.

"Dear Letiko," they said, "climb this tree and stay there in safety until we have eaten."

So the hares went off to look for fresh grass, while Letiko sat in the fork of the tree and looked round about her. Suddenly a

wicked witch appeared below, and said, "Come down, my child, come and see what beautiful shoes I have!"

"Oh, my shoes are much more beautiful than yours!" replied Letiko.

"Quickly, my child, hurry up!" said the witch.

"It is time I was sweeping out my house!"

"Go and sweep it then," said Letiko, "and come back here when you've finished."

So the witch went away and swept out her house, and returned beneath the tree, calling up, "Come down, my child, come and see what lovely clothes I have!"

"Oh, my clothes are much more lovely than yours!" replied Letiko.

"Comedown at once, do you hear?" cried the witch, stamping her foot with

The sun-child



rage. "If you don't come, I will chop the tree down and eat you up!"

"Very well," said Letiko. "Chop it down and eat me up!"

So the witch backed away, but she could not chop down the tree.

"Letiko, Letiko," she called up once more, "my children are hungry and want their food."

"Then go and feed them, and come back here when you have finished."

Off went the witch, and without wasting an instant Letiko called, "Little bares, little hares, come here!" The two hares came bounding back to the tree, so Letiko climbed down and off they went as fast as possible.

But the witch followed after them and tried to catch them.

Her way lay across a field where she saw people working.

"Did anyone pass this way?" she asked.

The people replied, "We are planting beans."

"Beans?" exclaimed the witch. "I asked you if anyone had passed this way."

"Can you not hear?" said the people. "We are planting beans, beans, beans!"

The witch scowled at them and hurried on her way.

Meanwhile Letiko was near home.

The cat, who was sitting in the sunshine on the roof, blinked her eyes and cried,

"Miaow! Miaow! Letiko is coming!"

"You miserable cat," said Letiko's mother, "do you want to break my heart?"

Then the dog saw her coming, pricked up his ears and barked, "Woof! Woof! Letiko is coming!"

"You miserable dog," said Letiko's mother, "do you want to break my heart?"

The cock, who was perched on the gate, sbook his red comb and crowed, "Cock-a-doodle-doo! Letiko is coming."

"You miserable bird," said Letiko's mother, "do you want to break my heart?"

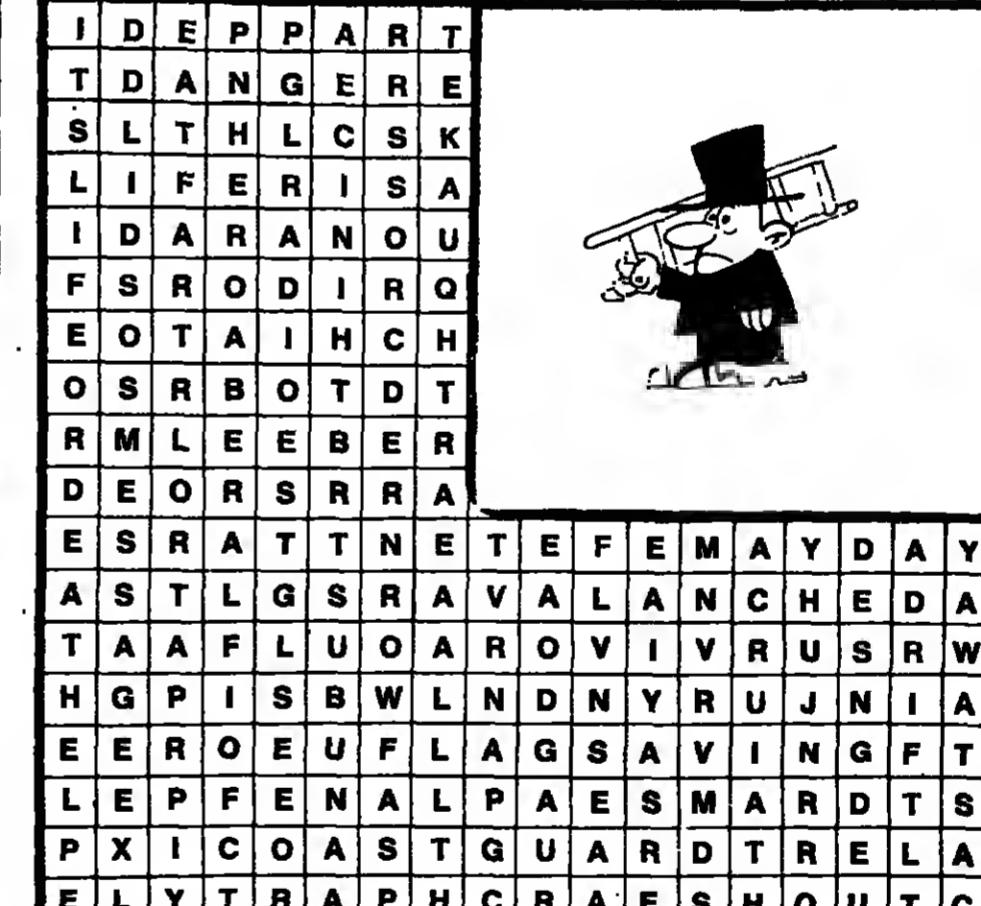
At that very moment Letiko and the two hares slipped through the gate and in at the door. The witch was close behind, and she grabbed one of the hares by the tail and pulled the tail right off. Then she vanished.

Letiko's mother flung both arms round her neck and wept for joy. Then she turned to the hare who had lost his tail, saying, "Dear hare, you have brought me back my Letiko, so I will make you a beautiful new tail of silver."

This she did, and from that day onwards Letiko and her mother lived happily together. The two hares settled down near the cottage and brought up a family of six beautiful baby hares, and three of them had silver tails, just like their father's.

S.O.S.

ADRIFF	HELP	RAFT
ALERT	HERO	RED CROSS
AVALANCHE	INJURY	RELEASE
CASTAWAY	IT'S LIFE OR DEATH	SAVING
COAST GUARD	LIFEBOAT	SEAPLANE
DANGER	LOST	SEARCH PARTY
EARTHQUAKE	MAN OVERBOARD!	SHOUT
EXPOSURE	MAYDAY	SOS MESSAGE
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		TRAPPED
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Clue: He saves from the sea (9 letters)

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What is the most valuable fish? A goldfish.

What has a hundred limbs but can't move? A tree.

What happened to the refrigerator when the plug was pulled off? It lost its cool.

What did Frankenstein say when hit by lightning? "Thanks, I needed that."

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Cougars outshone other boats: Wilson

By Gail Seery

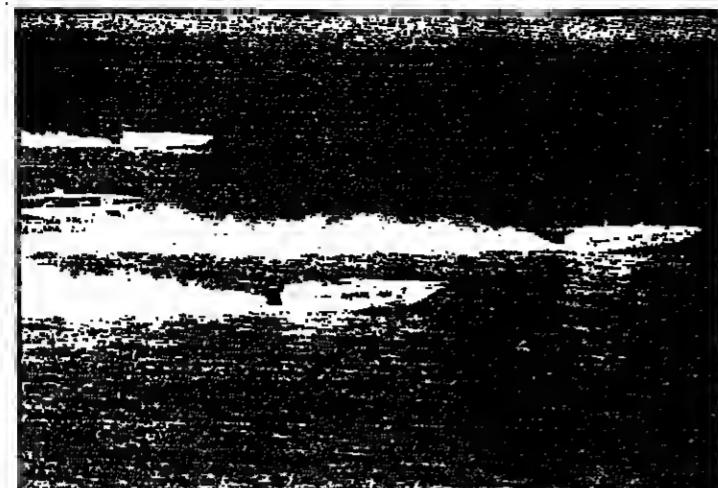
THERE can be little doubt that the third Bi-annual Kuwait Offshore Powerboat Race, held last Friday, was the best of the series to date. This time, despite a late start for "technical reasons", the race took place without a hiccup, and the scrutineering at the Sha'ab shipway was most certainly a successful and welcome innovation.

Gran Wilson of Cougar visited Kuwait for the second race held in June last year, and was also present for Friday's contest, to watch the progress made by the race committee, and also to lend support to the three Cougars which were expecting to race.

Problems

"This race was a lot better," he said. "Most of the hiccups from last time had been ironed out." There were still one or two minor problems, but Wilson sees a big improvement. "The next step is to form a race committee which will work from now on to make sure that the next race is even better."

Wilson, an ex-world championship level throtleman himself, was pleased that, with five Cougar hulls currently racing in the Gulf, Cougar now had an



The boats at the start of the race.



Khaled Al Khaled (No.44) and Sayafe.

outright win to its credit. "Khaled Al Khaled did well, but I didn't have much to do with his boat," he said, expressing an opinion that the Cougars outshone all the other boats. He dismissed the Dubai-built Tigercats, and added: "The best outside boat was the Dubai boat, belonging to Khaled Bakhit." That boat was a US-built 24-ft. Skater.

"I was very pleased with Nadia Al Mutawa's driving," he said.

"In many ways she and Jacqueline White were better than some of the men, particularly on things like navigation. In the race they followed my advice to the letter."

Of the three Cougars entered, one, driven by Mishal Al Jarallah, and painted in Merit colours, failed to start because of engine problems, and Nadia Al Mutawa was forced to stop when the steering wheel came away in her hands. She was understandably disappointed.

"If we'd kept going we would probably have finished third," she said modestly, but his boat looks irreversable. Fortunately

from the helicopter it looked as if a higher place was within her grasp.

The third Cougar was driven by Khaled Al Khaled, who won a race on his first time out — an unusual achievement.

The next race is likely to be in May, although it is hoped that smaller events can now be held more frequently.

Hossam Sayafe, who slipped his Tigercat before the race is looking forward to racing again, but the damage sustained by his boat looks irreversable. Fortunately

the same cannot be said for the damage done to throtleman Amjad Qutaineh. Although it was reported that he had broken his leg in the accident, he is out of hospital with nothing worse than a few cuts and bruises.

Arab Times would like to thank the helicopter pilots and the Coast Guard for all their help in making the race happen. Once again, we'd like to say a special thank you to the marshalls and helpers who, under the watchful eye of Wa'el Khoury, "helped make it happen".

New boxing group formed

LAS VEGAS, Nov 2. (Reuters) Yet another bunch of letters apparently has been thrown into the already murky alphabet soup that makes up boxing's governing bodies.

The new entry, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO), has not been announced officially, but promoter Bob Arum says it has been formed.

It's a good bet that it's no coincidence the first bout it will sanction is this Friday's Thomas Hearns-James Kinchen North American Boxing Federation (NABF) super middleweight title fight.

Lalonde overconfident, says Leonard

LAS VEGAS, Nov 2. (Reuters) A fighter's success depends greatly on confidence, but Sugar Ray Leonard said yesterday that Donny Lalonde has too much of it.

"His major weakness is his confidence. He gets right-hand crazy," said Leonard, referring to Lalonde's much heralded right hand which has taken him to a 31-2 record.

Holding
Lalonde's left is notoriously underdeveloped, the result of many shoulder separations and a permanently-implanted pin holding it together.

"He keeps his chin straight up," said Leonard (34-1) on Monday for two titles — the World Boxing Council's (WBC) light heavyweight crown and the WBC's newly-created super middleweight championship.

Leonard, 32, coming out of retirement for the third time does not appear to be keeping many secrets about his strategy against the 28-year-old Lalonde.

"He's very susceptible to left hooks and a lead-off right hand," Leonard told reporters after a workout in Caesars Palace, where the fight will be held in an

outdoor arena.

Leonard was asked about Lalonde's comment that Leonard does not have the "guts" to stand toe-to-toe with him.

Credit

"He's a very intelligent man. No, I won't stand toe-to-toe with him. Maybe I'll get behind him," said Leonard with a grin. "The key is to stay to my right, away from his right."

Leonard appeared to be warming up his noted psychological warfare, credited for helping him in his stunning upset of Marvin Hagler in April 1987 for the WBC middleweight title.

"Hell he's a natural 168."

Leonard said he will weigh his

current 162 pounds (73.4 kg) for the fight, for which he will earn about \$15 million.

Lalonde will receive about \$5 million.

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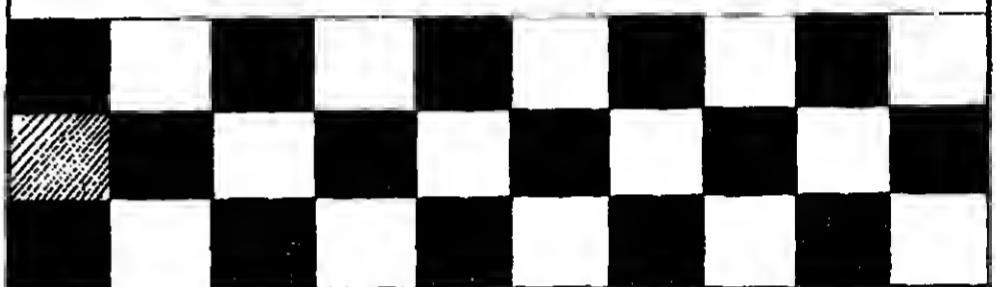
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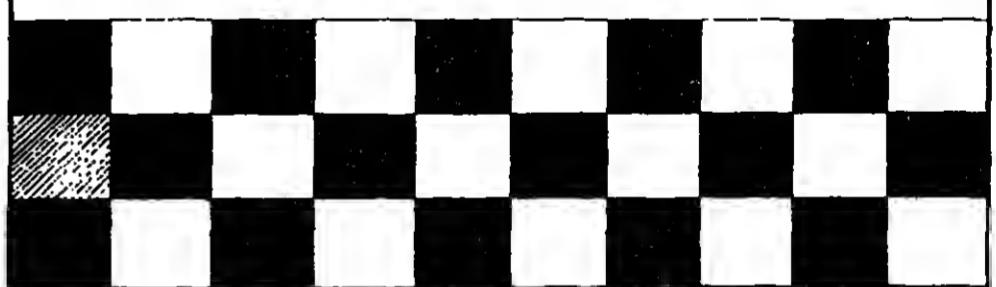
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SPORTS BRIEFS

Drug testing

BORLANGE, Sweden, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Sports officials from 26 countries recommended today that governments adopt random and out-of-competition drug testing of athletes to prevent recurrences of the Seoul Olympics scandal.

Political asylum

ANKARA, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Turkey has granted temporary political asylum to Doina Priskarmita, the trainer of the Romanian women's fencing team who sought refuge while in Ankara for Balkan Championship Games, a security official said today.

Brazilian striker

ROME, Nov. 2. (UPI): Ascoli's Brazilian centreforward Walter Casagrande was resting comfortably today after two hours of knee surgery which ended his Italian soccer season before it began.

Young talent

VIENNA, Nov. 2. (UPI): After the unsatisfactory results at the recent Seoul Olympics, the Austrian Track and Field Association will take definite steps to encourage young talent. Weekend courses for junior athletes will be held and the budget for women athletes will be raised.

Federation Cup

SYDNEY, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Argentine Gabriela Sabatini today joined a list of top women players to withdraw from next month's Federation Cup to be held at the National Tennis Centre in Melbourne.

Cassidy wins

SAO PAULO, Nov. 2. (UPI): Unsseeded American Dan Cassidy ousted top seed Luiz Maitar of Brazil 6-2, 6-2 in the opening round of the \$130,000 Sao Paulo Men's tennis tournament yesterday.

Rod Laver

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 2. (UPI): Australian Rod Laver, a double Grand Slam winner in the 1960s, says 1989 would be a decisive year for young American Andre Agassi's future and possible the time for West German Boris Becker to take over as the world's No. 1 tennis player.

Charity match

TURIN, Italy, Nov. 2. (AP): Members of Italy's 1982 World Cup champion team and an all-star selection from the "rest of the world" put on a scoring show yesterday as they played to a 3-3 draw in a charity match.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Regency Palace Ladies Bridge Club game played yesterday morning:

1. Randa Firas & Sonja Banayan
2. Daphne El Saad & Margaret Maynard
3. Nahil Akel & Lollo Muthwaite
4. Results of the Messilah Ladies Bridge Club game held on Monday morning:
1. Nahil Akel & Frederique Asfar
2. Juliette Mushabar & Subendan Oskay
3. Jamila Akel and Camilia Guirguis
4. Results of the Regency Palace Bridge Club game held on Sunday:
1. Binaa Mousawi & Richard Blacknell
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SABATINI OVERCOMES REIS

Navratilova routs Schimper



Navratilova: had an easy match

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 2. (Agencies): Top-seeded Martina Navratilova coasted, while third seed Gabriela Sabatini had to battle in first-round matches at the \$300,000 New England Women's Tennis Tournament yesterday.

Navratilova raced through a 6-3, 6-0 victory over South African Karin Schimper but Sabatini had to fight off a second-set challenge from American Ronni Reis before taking a 6-1, 7-5 win.

The Soviets, sixth-seeded Natalia Zvereva and eighth-seeded Larisa Savchenko, also advanced. Zvereva, outplayed Hu Na of China 6-3, 6-4, while Savchenko overcame a slow start to beat Australian Wendy Turnbull 4-6, 6-0, 6-1.

Attracted

Fifth-seeded Helena Sukova of Czechoslovakia also moved into the second round by beating American Elise Burgin 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

Chris Evert, the second seed, and her fellow-American Pam Shriver, seeded fourth, were scheduled to play their opening matches today in the 64-player event which has attracted seven of the world's top 10 players.

Navratilova lost just three points in the first four games and raced to a 5-1 lead in the first set before Schimper held and broke service before losing the set.

Navratilova, who took just 18 minutes to win the second set, said she had trouble adjusting to the surroundings.

Sabatini had an easy first set against Reis, but in the second set the Argentine teenager had to come up with two backhand passing shots to hold off set points in the ninth game before closing out the match.

Navratilova explained that she was using the opening match to get used to the large building after practicing in small clubs for the past few weeks.

"I played pretty good, I had two bad games on my serve and she had a great game on my serve," the veteran star said.

Navratilova said she saw no reason why she should not win the \$60,000 first prize in the week-long tournament.

"It will take me a little while to get used to the surroundings. I'm quite happy, I have been hitting the ball really well in practice. When I'm doing that, you don't worry about how you're going to play in the matches because it's going to be there."



Hadlee: Man of the Match

Sri Lanka make short work of Bangladesh

DHAKA, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Sri Lanka, already qualified for the Asia Cup cricket final, beat hosts Bangladesh by nine wickets in the penultimate match of the tournament today.

They will meet India in the final on Friday.

The Sri Lankans made a short shrift of the inexperienced Bangladesh side who were making only their second appearance in international cricket. The home team never recovered after losing their first four wickets for eight runs and managed only 118 for eight in their 45 overs.

Ravi Ratnayake, the pace bowler who led his side in the absence of injured captain Ranjan Madugalle, took four for 23 and won the Man of the Match award.

Sri Lanka replied with 120 for one to one up the Bangladeshi score with more than 14 overs to spare.

Opener Brendon Kuruppu played a polished, unbeaten innings of 58 and at no time seemed troubled against a week Bangladeshi attack.

The match itself was a mere formality for the Sri Lankans who had already qualified for the final by beating Pakistan and India.

Hadlee takes nine for 55 to scuttle West Zone

RAJKOT, India, Nov. 2. (Reuter): Richard Hadlee gave an early reminder of the quality of his fast-medium bowling by finishing with nine for 55 in New Zealand's opening cricket tour match against West Zone today.

Hadlee's devastating form on a placid pitch caused the Indian side to crumble from their overnight 149 for four to 253 all out in their first innings on the second day of the three-day match.

Completed

Openers Trevor Franklin, who hit an unbeaten 72, and John Wright (42 not out) completed a fine day for New Zealand with an unbroken partnership of 118 by the close.

Hadlee, who destroyed much of the front line batting with a spell of four for 24 on first day, continued in equally telling form by firing out both overnight batsmen for the addition of only 10 runs.

However, Radin (31) and Sulakshan Kulkarni (47) led a fightback when Hadlee was rested, putting on 69 for the seventh wicket, but the inns was swiftly wrapped up on the all-rounder's return after lunch.

Hadlee was prevented from making a clean sweep by off-spinner John Bracewell, who took the last wicket when he had Kulkarni caught by Franklin at short extra cover.

The New Zealand openers took full advantage of the docile pitch, with Franklin striking 12 fours after being dropped off spinner Azim Khan, while his captain, Wright, hit six fours.

Scoreboard

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Farique Ahmed c De Silva b Ratnayake	0
H. Rashid c Kuruppu b Ratnayake	0
Azhar Shanta lbw Ratnayake	3
G. Ashraf b Ratnayake	2
Abdur Ali c Kuruppu b De Silva	30
Minzah Namaz c Anuradhi b Madurasinghe	10
Akram Khan c Kuruppu b Anuradhi	9
Amindul Babul c Anuradhi b Ratnayake	27
Golam Faruk not out	23
Nasir Ahmed not out	0
Extras (b-1, lb-2, w-5, nb-0)	12
Total (for eight wickets, 45 overs) 118	
Did not bat: Nausher Prince.	
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-23, 3-8-5-42	

BOWLING: Ravi Ratnayake 8-1-23-4, Champak Ramamony 6-2-6-1, Kapila Gamarawadu 6-1-21-0, Atanu Samarasekera 2-0-11-0, Don Anuradhi 9-2-18-1, Ranjan Madurasinghe 9-0-11-1, Arvinda de Silva 5-1-25-1.

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K. Karuppu not out	58
R. Ratnayake lbw b Azhar	17
A. Samarasekera not out	38
Extras (b-1 lb-4 w-1)	3
Total (one wicket — 30.4 overs) 120	
Fall of wicket: 1-57	

BOWLING: Nausher Prince 4-1-15-6, Golam Faruk 8-3-34-0, Atazar Ali 4-17-0, Azhar Hossain 6-0-20-1, Azim Khan 6-3-23-0, Akram Khan 2-0-6-0.

NEW ZEALAND first innings

L. Rajput c Blain b Hadlee	4
S. Hattangadi b Hadlee	1
S. Kalyan c Blin b Hadlee	82
S. Manjrekar c and b Hadlee	7
A. Panday lbw b Hadlee	1
T. Arothe b Hadlee	56
R. Radin lbw b Hadlee	31
S. Kulkarni c Franklin b Bracewell	47
R. Kulkarni lbw b Hadlee	7
A. Samarasekera not out	4
Extras (b-1 lb-4 w-1)	13
Total (one wicket — 25.3 overs) 253	
Fall of wicket: 1-57	

BOWLING: Nausher Prince 4-1-15-6, Golam Faruk 8-3-34-0, Atazar Ali 4-17-0, Azhar Hossain 6-0-20-1, Azim Khan 6-3-23-0, Akram Khan 2-0-6-0.

SECONDARY first innings

T. Franklin not out	72
J. Wright not out	42
Extras (b-2 lb-2)	4
Total (no wicket) 118	
To bat: A. Jones, M. Greatbatch, K. Rutherford, J. Bracewell, E. Gray, T. Blain, R. Hadlee, M. Suddon, E. Clapham.	

BOWLING: R. Kulkarni 6-2-16-9, Champak Ramamony 6-2-6-1, Kapila Gamarawadu 6-1-21-0, Atanu Samarasekera 2-0-11-0, Don Anuradhi 9-2-18-1, Ranjan Madurasinghe 9-0-11-1, Arvinda de Silva 5-1-25-1.

SECONDARY second innings

T. Franklin not out	72
J. Wright not out	42
Extras (b-2 lb-2)	4
Total (no wicket) 118	
To bat: A. Jones, M. Greatbatch, K. Rutherford, J. Bracewell, E. Gray, T. Blain, R. Hadlee, M. Suddon, E. Clapham.	

BOWLING: R. Kulkarni 6-2-16-9, Champak Ramamony 6-2-6-1, Kapila Gamarawadu 6-1-21-0, Atanu Samarasekera 2-0-11-0, Don Anuradhi 9-2-18-1, Ranjan Madurasinghe 9-0-11-1, Arvinda de Silva 5-1-25-1.

SECONDARY third innings

T. Franklin not out	72
J. Wright not out	42
Extras (b-2 lb-2)	4
Total (no wicket) 118	
To bat: A. Jones, M. Greatbatch, K. Rutherford, J. Bracewell, E. Gray, T. Blain, R. Hadlee, M. Suddon, E. Clapham.	

BOWLING: R. Kulkarni 6-2-16-9, Champak Ramamony 6-2-6-1, Kapila Gamarawadu 6-1-21-0, Atanu Samarasekera 2-0-11-0, Don Anuradhi 9-2-18-1, Ranjan Madurasinghe 9-0-11-1, Arvinda de Silva 5-1-25-1.

SECONDARY fourth innings

T. Franklin not out	72
J. Wright not out	42
Extras (b-2 lb-2)	4
Total (no wicket) 118	
To bat: A. Jones, M. Greatbatch, K. Rutherford, J. Bracewell, E. Gray, T. Blain, R. Hadlee, M. Suddon, E. Clapham.	

BOWLING: R. Kulkarni 6-2-16-9, Champak Ramamony 6-2-6-1, Kapila Gamarawadu 6-1-21-0, Atanu Samarasekera 2-0-11-0, Don Anuradhi 9-2-18-1, Ranjan Madurasinghe 9-0-11-1, Arvinda de Silva 5-1-25-1.

SECONDARY fifth innings

T. Franklin not out	72
J. Wright not out	42
Extras (b-2 lb-2)	4
Total (no wicket) 118	
To bat: A. Jones, M. Greatbatch, K. Rutherford, J. Bracewell, E. Gray, T. Blain, R. Hadlee, M. Suddon, E. Clapham.	

BOWLING: R. Kulkarni 6-2-16-9, Champak Ramamony 6-2-6-1, Kapila Gamarawadu 6-1-21-0, Atanu Samarasekera 2-0-11-0, Don Anuradhi 9-2-18-1, Ranjan Madurasinghe 9-0-11-1, Arvinda de Silva 5-1-25-1.

SECONDARY sixth innings

T. Franklin not out	72
J. Wright not out	42
Extras (b-2 lb-2)	4
Total (no wicket) 118	
To bat: A. Jones, M. Greatbatch, K. Rutherford, J. Bracewell, E. Gray, T. Blain, R. Hadlee, M. Suddon, E. Clapham.	

BOWLING: R. Kulkarni 6-2-16-9, Champak Ramamony 6-2-6-1, Kapila Gamarawadu 6-1-21-0, Atanu Samarasekera 2-0-11-0, Don Anuradhi 9-2-18-1, Ranjan Madurasinghe 9-0-11-1, Arvinda de Silva 5-1-25-1.

SECONDARY seventh innings

T. Franklin not out	72
J. Wright not out	42
Extras (b-2 lb-2)	4
Total (no wicket) 118	
To bat: A. Jones, M. Greatbatch, K. Rutherford, J. Bracewell, E. Gray, T. Blain, R. Hadlee, M. Suddon, E. Clapham.	

BOWLING: R. Kulkarni 6-2-16-9, Champak Ramamony 6-2-6-1, Kapila Gamarawadu 6-1-21-0, Atanu Samarasekera 2-0-11-0, Don Anuradhi 9-2-18-1, Ranjan Madurasinghe 9-0-11-1, Arvinda de Silva 5-1-25-1.

SECONDARY eighth innings

T. Franklin not out
